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## Detroit Region Runoffs Results

This year's Valvoline Runoffs were good to Detroit Region drivers.

Congratulations to **Chris Winkler**, 1st place in Formula Ford; **John Fernandez**, 1st place in Showroom Stock C; **Dave Finch**, 1st place in GT2—his 5th Gold Metal in the same car!—**Robin Burnett**, 2nd place in American Sedan; **Tom Reichenback**, 2nd place in G Production; and **Russ Theus**, 3rd place in GT4.

A big thanks to Don Castle for providing the photos.

## 2001 RUNOFFS DATE CHANGE

In case you haven't heard, the 2001 SCCA Valvoline Runoffs will be held earlier than ever due to date conflicts in the U.S. motorsports calendar. The new dates for the Runoffs will be September 17-23, 2001. These dates have been confirmed through the cooperation of TrueSports, Inc/Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. The date change for the United States Grand Prix Formula 1 event caused a major reshuffling in the schedules of most major sanctioning bodies. SCCA Club Racing was fortunate to have an acceptable date available to them. Watch for further announcements regarding this date change on the web at [www.scca.org](http://www.scca.org).



Robin Burnett, 2nd AS

John Fernandez, 1st SSC





Dave Finch, 1st GT2



Tom Reichenbach, 2nd GP





Russ Theus, 3rd GT4



Chris Winkler, 1st FF



## New names to be added to POR® list of winners.

Dave Parps and Detroit Region member Rob Moran got their first win at the 52nd annual running of the Press on Regardless® Road Rally in the closest finish in the history of the event. It was a fight for the lead from the beginning and it wasn't until the final scores were tallied that they were sure that they had been able to pull off a win. Dave hails from Grafton, Wisconsin and drove his 2000 Subaru Outback to Michigan for the rally. His navigator, Rob Moran, is from Westland, Michigan. Second, only 1.2 seconds behind were Dan Coughour from Dayton, Ohio and Joe Andreini from Grosse Pte., Michigan. Parps/Moran had a total error from perfect time of only 40.8 seconds. Considering that the roads used ranged from paved to deep sand logging trails, and everything in between, the scores are outstanding.

In the Limited Equipment Class, past winners Jim Shaffer and Jim Fekete from Franklin Village and Canton, Michigan won with less than two minutes of error from perfect time. John Smiskol from Western Springs, Illinois, and Harry Ward from Toledo Ohio were second, only 13 seconds behind, the same difference as in 1999.

The Vintage Class, for cars built before 1980 and using mechanical distance measuring and calculating equipment that was common in that era, was won by Scott Harvey Jr., and Bryan Murphy. Scott Jr. drove the same 1975 Dodge Colt that his dad, Scott Sr., campaigned when it was new. The only other car in the class had fuel system and suspension problems, which caused them to drop out of the event.

In the Stock Class, for cars without any special rally equipment, Detroit area competitors Richard Worden and Richard Robinette in their 1996 Saab, were the winners with less than four minutes of accumulated error. Local residents, John

Twichel and Kevin Bulow from Boyne City and Stanford respectively, who ran their first rally at POR last year and won the novice class, finished second in the stock this year, less than three minutes behind Worden/Robinette. Third, some 17 seconds back was the team of Fred Cochran from New Jersey and Steve Novatne from Pennsylvania in their Subaru Legacy.

This year's POR, headquartered for the second time in Boyne City, was run over some 560 miles of the best unpaved rally roads in the United States. In it's 52nd annual running, the POR attracted entries from 11 states, including four past winners. Long time rally supporter Brad Schade, owner of Mac Sam Specialties in Boyne City, provided the financial support that helped make the event the success that it was.

Credit for the great course has to go to Rallymasters Tom and Greg Woodside who spent a great amount of time a long way away from home looking for roads that would be fun and competitive without being car breakers.

I can't say enough to thank Bob Martin for his scoring. Not only did he hand out scores for the past section at scorecard pick-up points, at the noon break on Saturday he had up-to-date scores through the break before the competitors had to leave to start the last section of the rally. The final scores were done as soon as I was able to verify the actual location of control 20, which had been mis-located.

Mary and Jerry Shiloff, the registrars, not only did a great job of registration, but worked several controls (as many as they possibly could) each day as well as handling many other tasks. My sincere thanks go out to them also.



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Bruce Fisher and his son, Matt, as well as Kevin and Sara Essenberg deserve a vote of thanks for not only setting controls, but also pre-checking everything the weekend before the event.

What can I say about my wife Marianne? She was everywhere, doing everything that helped make the event happen, including taking photographs and working controls until we could get a couple of new crews trained. I couldn't possibly have done it without her support, not only the day of the event, but also in all the months leading up to the event.

Sincere thanks also go to the many control workers who took vacation time to make the trek up north and provide timing at the 56 checkpoints. In addition to those mentioned above, Orval and Pat Turley, Rick Shue, Bill Braund, Barb Steenken, Ed Maklenberg, Mark and Matt Bugeard, Mark Henderson, John Gingrich, John and Matt Huber, Pete Padden, Charlie Kapper, Mike Pinder, Roger Turpening, Margo Turpening (both from Boston). Also working were Rich and David Line who did sweep. A special thanks to our biggest supporter, Brad Schade and his Mac Sam Specialties company who paid for shirts for all the participants, Saturday's award dinner and the beautiful trophies. Also, special thanks to Terry Palmer who took time away from his business to be Safety Steward and course pre-checker. Last, but not least, I want to thank Chuck Shapiro for being my driver for course opening. He not only made all the times, he kept my car in one piece.

My very sincere thanks to you all. You helped make a memorable and wonderful event.

Jim Mickle, Chairman

## Final Results

POR-2000, September 8-9, 2000

Detroit Region, SCCA

<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>O/A</u>	<u>Class</u>
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Dan Coughnour/Joe Andreini	70	2	2E
Ron Johnsonbaugh/Jim Hathcock	114	3	3E
Fred Mapplebeck/Jack vonKaenel	115	4	4E
David Harkcom/Daniel Harkcom	120	5	5E
Al Tolle/Jeff Boris	144	6	6E
Randy Wittine/Les Talcott	166	7	7E
Jim Shaffer/Jim Fekete	175	8	1L
John Smiskol/Harry Ward	196	9	2L
Scott Harvey Jr./Bryan Murphy	215	10	1V
Richard Worden/Richard Robinette	386	11	1S
Steve Phillips/Paul Gilbert	591	12	3L
John Twitchel/Kevin Bulow	733	13	2S
Fred Cochran/Steve Novatne	1061	14	3S
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# SCCA's new CEO attends Detroit Region Meeting

Steve Johnson, SCCA's new Executive Director, as part of his work to get to know the membership and find out more about the club, attended the Detroit Region's September membership meeting. For the first time in a long while, the meeting room was full, a fitting response to his attendance.

After presentations about the Club Racing Runoffs, Solo Runoffs, and POR rally, Steve was given the floor. He talked about his work to get to know the club, its good points, its problems and its members. He has started by attending and working events from most all facets of the club. He has been at several races: the road racing and solo runoffs, and one ProRally where he worked a start control and got a chance to take his car down a stage after all the cars were through. The only type of SCCA event that he has not attended at this time is a TSD rally. We hope to remedy that as I have invited him to attend and compete in the Thumbs Up TSD rally on November 11th. Hopefully, his schedule will allow it to happen.

In addition to attending events and working in the trenches while there, he has been contacting members by phone in the evening, to the tune of some 50 per week in the 3 1/2 month since he got the job. This has given him a good feel for some of the problems and strengths of the membership.

Against the advice from some of the BOD, he has gotten e-mail for SCCA contacts and promises to answer all messages, even if it takes a while because of his travel. He really seems to be interested in what his customers, the members, have to say.

At his initiative, a five-year plan is being developed for the club. From my 30 years as part of the SCCA this is the first

time that I remember any real forward planning being done. The plan will be directed at taking us away from the Secret Car Club of America, to the prominence that the club should have. It will be based on input from all facets of the club. We can expect to see a roll-out at the National Convention to be held in February. A firm from Denver with extensive experience has been hired to facilitate the planning process. My experience has shown that a good facilitator really helps in getting a good result, so I applaud this decision. One thing that he has already done is sign Fram Filters as the official filter of SCCA. We can expect to see Fram advertising to that effect soon. While, at this time, this has much more value to us than to Fram, as we move away from the Secret Car Club it will be very beneficial to both parties.

Unlike our previous CEO, Steve has promised to be a CEO of the members, not special interests and politicians. He declared that he won't play politics. Everything that I heard indicates that he has his head on right and if politics don't torpedo him, he will do a good job for the club.

After a short talk that covered most of the above, Steve answered questions until there were no more. The answers were straight forward and to the point. He acknowledged that we basically no longer have any Pro programs except Sports Racer, which is not likely to get us much exposure. We are just a sanctioning body without any control over programs such as TransAm. He acknowledged mistakes of the past, but seems to be in the "this is just spilt milk, lets not dwell on it but move forward" mode. Makes sense to me.

Jim Mickle CenDiv Road Rally Stewart (Pete Padden, Rally Events Directory, also helped with this article)

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## The 2001 Board of Directors for the Detroit Region of SCCA

The election results are in, at least for the Detroit Region's 2001 Board of Directors. No one seems to have been confused by the ballot, no recounts were ordered, no lawsuits filed. We will all be looking for good things from the 2001 Board, please welcome them and give them your support.

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Fellow Club Members, as you may or may not be aware, it has been a difficult year for our region. The board has been faced with many challenges. Some of these challenges have been responded to well, others have not. One issue that has become apparent, is the board has to many tasks to do, and cannot handle them all on our own. We need the help of the membership to handle the tasks at hand. Maybe we should have asked earlier, but we are asking now. Together we can take this club back to its former glory and beyond.

There are four positions, which have an immediate need for help. To volunteer, please contact any of the board members.

1) Special Events Director – This is a service the region offers to put on Ride and Drives for Professional Organizations. This is a very important position, which keeps the club solvent and presents us in a positive light to the outside world. Pattie Klimchuk has handled this very capably over the years, but she understandably has decided to retire. This position is volunteer, but requires the correct person. Consider this an interview position.

2) Solo Director – This person coordinates all the Solo activities and is and appointed voting board member.

3) Race Director – This person coordinates all the Race activities and is and appointed voting board member.

4) Social Events Coordinator – This is a freshly invented title, but very crucial to the region. We on the board are not the best meeting and social event coordinators. This region needs someone who enjoys and is good at this type of stuff. The only other requirement is the ability to find racing related speakers to come speak at the meetings. We have developed the hard way a list of do's and don'ts.

We are one of the biggest regions of SCCA. The short and long-term health of the region depends on us all to handle the tasks at hand. Thanks to all of you have given and continue to give your service throughout the years, and thanks to all who will in the future.

—Detroit Region Board of Directors

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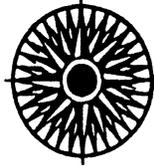


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GT4/5/Vintage Datsun B210. SCCA National Champion in 1976. Car could be set-up for GT4, 5, GP or Vintage. Open trailer with tire rack. Good selection of spares. Car is located in suburb of Chicago. \$5800 as is, \$6800 race ready. Will consider trade for Formula Vee or Spec Miata. Call or e-mail with any questions. (630)832-3949 (day or eve), derber38@hotmail.com. Pictures and more information located at <http://www.angelfire.com/de2/erber4>.

'89 Swift SE-3 FC/CFC. LD200, Koni Dbl's, TDI drilled rotors, mag uprights, DB6 wings, dual element front, new diffuser, 2 sets Dymags, rains on Technos, new aircraft hardware throughout, very well maintained and developed. Current National FC car (typical top 10 runner in CENDIV nat's). Competitive with National '90-'97 Van Deimens (i.e. 8/00 Grattan National qual/finished 5th in front of all '90-97 VD's). Unbeatable CFC car. '98 CENDIV Points Champ (won every race contested and set track record at every track

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GT5 Nissan 1200. Finished 12th at the runoffs. Full tube frame car with high spec engine (Carillo, Cosworth; Malvern engineering, Electromotive, new Webers etc). 5 speed dog change trans, quick change rear end. 12 wheels and tyres (new rains) Much money spent this season including fresh paint. Must sell to fund new project. \$12,000 or best offer. Also have large mountain of useful spare to go with the car. Car will easily get to the Runoffs again next year our would be a killer Regional car. Paul Shipp, pshipp@visteon.com or (734) 397-0953.

SSC Nissan 200SX-SER 1996. 2000 SSC Central Region championship winning car, very good condition, engine refreshed at the start of the season, comes complete with spares package inc. 19 rims. Ready to race in 2001. \$7,800 obo, includes 16' car hauler (may separate). Contact Graham Grove, (248) 273-0404 Ext. 524 (work) or (248) 693-6256 (home), email ggrove@incatwww.com.

1985 VW GTI, ITB racecar, raced 2 seasons at Waterford Hills. No DNFs, no crashes. \$3000. Bill Writt, writtt@oxford.net, (519) 539-9961.

2000 Production Class Champion 1988 VW Gti 16v. Originally built by Cal Landau in 1989, has been a rally car all its life, only 24,000 miles. '91 Production title and now the 2000 title. Car is fast w/ the right driver; has been 100% reliable. I have done 10 rallies in it and have finished 10 rallies. Autopower cage, Bilstein rally struts, Guy Light custom springs, T6061 Skidplate, HDPE underbody protection, braided brake lines, Quaiffe LSD, custom exhaust w/ legal catalyst, nice light bar setup w/ 4 lights, 90A alternator (new), Alfa Pro computer, Corbeau driver's seat, great co-d lights, extinguishers. Lots of new parts on car, some spares, lots of wheels (16-13" and 18-14") and enough tires for a beginner season including brand new Blizzacks for Sno\*Drift. You could be rallying in January for \$5500 obo. Brian Vinson, brianvinson@earthlink.net, (248) 548-8735.

## STREET CARS

1995 Neon Sport Coupe. Bright red, SOHC w/5-speed, A/C, PS/PB, ABS, P. mirrors, PDL, tilt, spoiler, fog lights. Many parts recently replaced: brake pads, front rotors, brake fluid, struts, motor mounts, DOHC muffler, Red Line trans. fluid, coolant flush. Car is set up for autocross, with -2.5 degrees camber on front. Several wins in Detroit area DS street tire class this season. 94K miles, but car has 100K mi. Chrysler warranty, that expires 2/01. Excellent daily driver or budget autocross car, asking \$3600. Steve, Steven.Sancricca@Bosch-Brakes.com, (248) 324-7245.

1970 Triumph TR6. White. Pampered and loved, no rain or snow. Low mileage, rebuilt suspension. Michelin redline tires. Email for photo and info: charles.hailey@eds.com. (248) 524-1273.\*\*

1997 Saturn SC2. Original owner. Dark blue with black cloth interior, 5-speed, A/C, power windows & security, cruise control, AM/FM cassette with equalizer (factory wired for trunk mounted CD changer), Momo carbon-look shift knob, carbon-look strut tower brace, 16" wheels w/ Pirelli P205/50R16 tires, H&R springs (lowered 1.3" F/ 1.1" R), SPS 16.5 mm 3-way adjustable rear stabilizer bar, REMUS muffler with 90 mm carbon fiber outlet, K&N air filter, blue ion 80 watt low beam bulbs. Transferable 5 year/60K mile extended warranty, package includes original 15" SL2 alloy wheels with R1smounted. Fully documented service history, Mobil 1 engine oil used exclusively, Red Line D4-ATF fluid in transmission. 40,400 miles. \$10,500 or best offer. Call for test drive - Chris (810) 739-5784.\*

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4 Kumho Victoracer 225/50-16 tires; Tire Rack heat cycled; used approx. 5 events this season; purchased in June 2000; cleaned & stored properly. Also, 4 1998 Honda Prelude base wheels used w/ above tires; 5 lug, lighter than Type

SH wheels; scratches, NO DENTS, not bent. \$650 takes all; will separate if needed. Call or email Gautam 248-816-2236, path4496@hotmail.com.

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