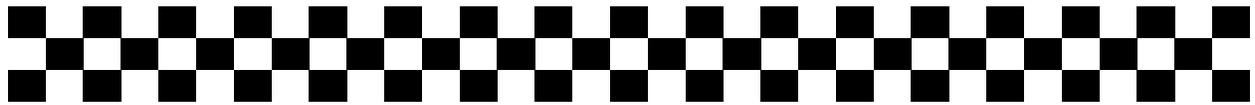


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Wednesday
April 18, 2007

7:00 pm
Ground Round
6 Mile, Livonia

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Welcome!

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Membership Chief

Primary job duties would include initiate contact with new members, monitor e-mail concerning membership questions. Also provide summary of monthly membership report. Most importantly, this person would assist in ways to make membership more meaningful.

Contact any Board Member if interested.

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8	Sept.	Aug. 15
9	Oct.	Sept 15
10	Nov/Dec	Oct. 15

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In order to contain costs, keep dues low and provide more timely information to Region Members, your Board of Directors has initiated a new policy for dissemination of the Open Exhaust.

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"The Grape" in action
Photo courtesy of Sean Grogan and Jim Kidd from the Cincinnati Test & Tune on March 5th.

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Half Column	2 1/2"	5"	30	75	115	205
Business Card	3 1/2"	2"	20	50	75	140

April REMarques

The word of the month for April is “communication” (or around the SCCA, miscommunication). For the Detroit Region, the Board has made great use of the forums on our improved website to discuss many of the ideas and issues within the Region. Discussions have been very constructive and it has allowed everyone to think about the way we do business. It is a luxury we don't have at a Board meeting if we ever want to go home! We have decided that it is best to open the Board Discussion area up to all membership, as we do not operate in secrecy, and we are always open for member input. I am hopeful that our discussions and member input will continue to be open and professional.

The other side of the coin is miscommunication. There seems to be a fair amount of that rampant outside of the Detroit Region. One region very close to us had half of their board resign in frustration. That is a very sad state of affairs. In addition, there continues to be discussions around the old CenDiv Solo Series. Many individuals don't understand that the Series was neither supported, endorsed or sponsored by the then Central Division. The series has a new name, Great American Solo Series (GASS), but the same group of people are trying to gather a series of the best events around the Central and Great Lakes Division to promote competition in Solo. Since many of these events draw larger numbers of competitors, they can be a financial benefit to the hosting region. Our region should learn from others and never let communication be an issue.

Planning for the Detroit Grand Prix on Belle Isle is progressing along and we have a sign up form on the website for those interested in volunteering to work the event. Currently, I believe there is a five year commitment to bring the Grand Prix to Detroit. This first year seems low key, offering spectators some time to take in a race as well as the other events going on in the area over Labor Day weekend. I think everyone is excited to see racing return to Detroit.

We have instituted a program for Solo/Rally/RallyCross, that requires all competitors to be members. To this end, we have started a Weekend Membership program. Details are on the website and a press release can be found elsewhere in the Open Exhaust. Our goal is to promote the club and attract competitors who are “on the fence” regarding joining the SCCA. We will monitor this program throughout the year to see if it has met our goals.

FSAE and our National Race, co-hosted with Fort Wayne Region is just around the corner in May, and again I am asking everyone to take a look at their calendars and consider devoting some time to help out at one or both of the events.

May you never find yourself off-course!

Rick Myers
Regional Executive



How I explain racing to my wife:

"Understeer is when you hit the wall with the front of the car and oversteer is when you hit the wall with the rear of the car. Horsepower is how fast you hit the wall, torque is how far you take the wall with you." --Anonymous

Detroit Region Worker Points and Awards Policy

Worker points will be reported to the Region Pointskeeper by chiefs/chairmen for all events. Points are based on work contributed, per day, as follows:

Chairman	4 points
Special Events (Ride & Drive, SAE, HEV, etc)	3 points
Chiefs & Assistant Chairs (one Chief or Assistant Chair per event per day)	2 points
All other workers	1 point

Worker points may be carried over from year to year. Merchandise will be available in exchange for points. Pointskeeper cannot allow points to be redeemed that have not been submitted.

Worker points will only be awarded to Region members who maintain continuous membership in the Detroit Region of SCCA.

Approved worker points for Region members who put in a lot of time and effort:

Open Exhaust Editor-4 points each month that the Open Exhaust is published.

Original articles submitted and published by members will receive 1 point per article. Does not include articles submitted by Event Chairmen regarding their own event, Chiefs of Specialty, Board Members or those in appointed positions.

Membership-1point per month

Pointskeeper-1point per month except for April through October when 2 points per month are awarded.

Merchandise-1 point per month

Equipment Chairmen-1 point per month

Loss of points for event by any chairman or chief not submitting a list of workers and points earned to Pointskeeper within 30 days following event.

Notes regarding worker points

1. All points are valued at \$5.00 per point. Redemption will be rounded up to the nearest \$2.50 increment.
2. Currently there is no expiration date on redemption. This may change in the future.
3. Points may be redeemed for Detroit Region merchandise (contact Barbara Steencken at 248-685-2773), membership dues or Detroit Region event fees.
4. You must be a Detroit Region member (either region of record or dual member) in order to earn and keep your points. If your membership lapses for more than one (1) month, your points will be forfeited.
5. If your points are not recorded, please contact your chief or chairman of the event.
6. If any chief or chairman does not turn in worker points within 30 days of the event, he/she will forfeit their points for that event.

Worker points can be checked at www.detroit-scca.org. in the Worker section.

RallyCross #2, Down on the Farm, Fowlerville Fairgrounds

The skies were grey, but the ground was dry for Round #2 of the Detroit Region RallyCross series sponsored by Illuminata and Team Dynamics. Thirty six entries took to the dirt to compete in the event including a few new faces. Scott Harvey, Jr. provided an excellent course that challenged driver's and hopefully entertained the few spectators on hand. There was plenty of dirt and dust flying as the day progressed.

Entrants were greeted at registration by the ever present Mary Shiloff, operating solo this weekend as Jerry is recovering from knee surgery. Doug Harvey checked all of our vehicles over while the Wiedbusch's were setting up timing. When it was time to get started, Paul Eddleston got all of the workers sorted out and it was time to hit the dirt!

We started the day with three runs each for the morning session. The track was nice and the surface was dry, but a little damp underneath, so the dust was not too bad. Fowlerville provides a very smooth surface and the crew there takes very good care of the track. Competition was very close and after completion of runs, many of the classes had less that .100 minutes separating first and second place. In PA Justin Kollien led Daniel Garant by .086 minutes. Scott Harvey Jr. topped Matthew Noble by .074 minutes in M4, while I held a slim lead over Nick Sullivan of .038 in RPR. The closest battle of the day belonged to the guys in SA, where Benjamin Sabelhaus held a mere .029 minute lead over Adam Spieszny.

For the afternoon session, the dust was flying. Scott Harvey Jr. easily topped everyone for height and distance with his plumes of dirt/dust flying. In the end, all of the leaders from the morning retained their positions for the afternoon session and held on for victory in their respective classes.

Justin Kollien set fastest time for the day with an afternoon run of .704 and won a \$25 gift certificates for his efforts.

The next RallyCross is scheduled for April 21st, in Adrian.

Hope to see everyone there,

Rick Myers



ROAD RALLY SCHOOL 2007



Detroit Region of SCCA held its annual Road Rally School on Saturday, March 17, 2007. Sunny but cold weather again greeted the School participants as they learned the basics of Road Rally route following and timekeeping, then practiced what they learned in two short rallies around Sterling Heights. All teams safely returned to headquarters at the Noonan Pontiac-GMC dealership for complete debriefs of the practice rallies.

Turnout was down a bit from last year, with 15 participants coming out. We had entrants from all points of the compass: East (Centerline), West (Byron, Ann Arbor, Canton, Plymouth, Novi), North (Royal Oak, Rochester Hills, Riley), and even from the Thumb (Bad Axe). Vehicles involved ranged from a 1986 Mustang SVO to the ever popular Subaru WRX, proving once again that any street legal vehicle is acceptable for road rally use.

First-timers Patrick McNeal and Andrea Crawford posted the best score in the second practice rally, driving a Mazda 3. Patrick and Andrea are both moving out of the Detroit area in the near future, but hope to get involved in rallying once settled in their new locations.

Many thanks to the following people who helped out this year: Jerry and Mary Shiloff (registration and food), Ken Wiedbusch (route measuring and controls), Sue Wiedbusch (controls), Mark Henderson (controls) and Piotr Roszczenko (controls). Special thanks to Scott Just of Noonan Pontiac-GMC who had everything ready for us when we arrived.

Mike Bennett

March 27, 2007

Press Release:

Effective April 1, 2007.

Due to the increased costs in settling litigation from non-member competitors (we had a 25% increase in event insurance for 2007) and retaining sites to conduct events, the Detroit Region is requiring that all competitors for Solo/Rally/RallyCross be members of the SCCA. For those that do not wish to join the SCCA on an annual basis, we have instituted a Weekend Membership. This membership carries all of the benefits afforded a regular member for the competitions being conducted on that given weekend. The most significant of these benefits being \$1,000,000 in insurance coverage opposed to the \$10,000 offered for non-member incidents. This is a Region policy and does not relate to National Tours, ProSolo or Divisional Events.

The cost of the Weekend Membership is \$15. Weekend members will pay the SCCA member entry fee for an event, plus \$15 in order to compete in the described event. This is a \$5-\$10 increase in entry fees over the non-member entry fees charged previously. For members of the Detroit Council of Sports Car Clubs, the fee will be \$5.

Fee structure examples:

Solo: Entrance Fee (\$30) + Weekend Membership (\$15) = \$45 (2006 was \$40)

RallyCross: Entrance Fee (\$30) + Weekend Membership (\$15) = \$45

TSD Rally: Entrance Fee (\$30 per team) + Weekend Membership (\$15 per team) = \$45

If you choose to join the SCCA within 15 days of your Weekend Membership, the Region will discount the annual dues by the \$15 (or \$5 for DCSCC) paid to become a Weekend Member.

In addition, we are still offering the opportunity to receive a free entry to a Solo/Rally/RallyCross event if you join the SCCA at registration the day of an event.

For more information and discussion go to www.detroit-scca.org .

**GREAT LAKES DIVISION
2007 RACE SCHEDULE**

DATE	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	NATIONALS
April 28-29		NEO @ NL - D-C	INR @ GM
May 5-6		INDY @ ORP - D-C	
May 12-13			FWR/DET @ GRA
May 19-20			
May 26-27		WMR @ GRA - D-C	
Memorial Day			
June 1-2-3		OVR @ M-O	OVR @ M-O
June 9-10	Great Lakes Div @ GM - D - INR Lead all racing regions involved		
June 16-17			
June 23-24		NEO @ Cleveland GP - R - T	
June 30-July 1			
July 7-8			INDY @ ORP
July 14-15			
July 21-22			
July 28-29		FWR @ GM - D-C	NEO @ NL
Aug. 4-5			
Aug. 10-12		CIN @ M-O - D - R (IT,SM,SRF)	WMR @ GRA
Aug. 18-19			
Aug. 24-26		24 Hour Enduro @ NL - R	SBR @ GM
Sept. 1-2		WMR @ GRA - D-C	
Labor Day		OVR @ M-O - D-C	
Sept. 8-9			
Sept. 14-16			
Sept. 22-23		INDY @ ORP - D-C	
Sept. 29-30		WOR @ M-O - D-C	
Oct. 6-7			
Oct. 12-14			SCCA RUNOFFS

D=Double
 GM-GingerMan
 NL-Nelson Ledges

R=Restricted
 GRA-Grattan
 ORP - O'Reilly's Raceway Park

T= Tentative
 M-O-Mid Ohio
 WAT-Waterford Hills



DRSCCA 2007 SOLO SCHEDULE

May 6th
 Season Opener
 at DTE

May 28th
 Memorial Day Event
 at DTE

June 9th & 10th
 Detroit Region
 Solo School
 Location-TBD

June 16th & 17
 Mirror Solo
 at Wurtsmith AFB,
 Oscoda

July 14th & 15th
 Concrete Rodeo
 (GASS)
 at Wurtsmith AFB,
 Oscoda

July 22nd
 Firecracker
 at Automotive
 Components Holdings,
 Ypsilanti

August 26
 Dog Days of Summer
 at Automotive
 Components Holdings,
 Ypsilanti

September 16th
 Bring on Nationals
 Location-TBD

October 7th
 Season Ender
 at DTE

DRSCCA 2007 RALLYCROSS SCHEDULE

February 17th Bob's Family Raceway in Clarksville, MI	July 21st Coulthard's Farm	October 13th at Fowlerville Fairgrounds
March 31st at Fowlerville Fairgrounds	August 18th Bob's Family Raceway in Clarksville, MI	<u>The Great Lakes</u> <u>Divisional</u> <u>Rally Cross Championship</u>
April 21st at Lenawee County Fairgrounds in Adrian, MI	September 22nd Lenawee County Fairgrounds in Adrian, MI	November 10th Bob's Family Raceway in Clarksville, MI
June 23rd Location-TBD		December 8th at Fowlerville Fairgrounds

DRSCCA 2007 RALLY SCHEDULE

March 31st Moonlight Monte TSD POSTPONED to a later date	September 7th Press on Regardless TSD starting in Gaylord
May 19th Twilight Tour TSD starting in Ann Arbor	September 22nd GNU TSD Rally-TBA
July 28th TSD Rally-TBA	

For the latest Region news and events, visit www.detroit-scca.org.





March 2007

The sun is shining and the 2007 solo season is right around the corner!

In 2006, the CenDiv Solo Championship Series celebrated its 21st anniversary. The CenDiv Solo Championship Series was the longest running solo series ever in the country!

In 2007, the CenDiv Solo Championship Series has a new look and is sporting a new name. This year the most successful solo series will address the needs of soloists in both Area 4 and Area 5 – the two areas that comprise the Great Lakes Division and Central Division. The series is now called “The Great American Solo Series”, (GASS) with the eight events being hosted by local clubs. These eight events will run SCCA classes and be put on throughout the Great Lakes Division and CenDiv. To qualify for year end awards, a competitor must run a minimum of three events and their best five events are the ones that will count towards the year end championship. The series continues with the same premise that was held at its inception in 1985 – to provide autocrossers in the Midwest the opportunity to run quality events during the summer in preparation for the National Championship event in the fall.

For 2007, the Great American Solo Series will have one major sponsor, SoloPerformance.Com, and three associate sponsors, MidAtlantic Motorsport, MyAutoEvents.com and WCM Ultralite. Without sponsor support, it would be very difficult to offer a division-wide series at no additional cost to the competitors.

The schedule is as follows:

May 26-27	Lexington, KY
June 9-10	Springfield, IL
July 14-15	Oscoda, MI
July 28-29	Dayton, OH
August 11-12	Milwaukee, WI
August 18-19	Peru, IN
September 2	Joliet, IL
September 9	Flint, MI

For further information and updates to this schedule, log-on to solo2.cendiv-scca.org.

The summer promises to be a busy one so come and join the fun!

The Great American Solo Series Committee

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