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# LONE STAR DRAFT

## Year End Review...

Hi Gang!

Well, we made it through another year. Yippee!

My apologies for the lateness of this issue of the Lone Star Draft. It is **so** hard to find good, reliable help anymore...

A lot has happened since our last issue. The SCCA Solo Nationals were held for the last time at Heartland Park Raceway in September. If I counted right, 37 LSR members attended this years event and brought home ten trophies, including three National titles. Congratulations to everybody who participated.

After we returned home, it was learned that the Solo Nationals will be moving to Lincoln, Nebraska for 2009. The exact details have yet to be released but we will be on a parking apron at the airport with approximately three times the amount of space that was available at HPT. And we will be back on concrete. The Texas A&M Sports Car Club will be see-

ing a large increase in their entries this year from Texas soloists looking for seat time at their Riverside Annex concrete.

In October, the road racers visited HPT for the 2008 SCCA National Championship Runoffs for the last time. Due to the economy and sky high fuel prices the turnout was smaller than in previous years. Three LSR members made the trip and Arron McSpadden finished 3rd in Spec Miata for our only podium spot.

Next year The Runoffs moves to Road America in Wisconsin In late September. I wonder when it starts snowing up there?

The LSR Annual Banquet and Awards will be held January 24, 2009 at a location TBD. More information will be sent out as details are finalized.

Here's to a Happy New Year and good racing in 2009.

*Anonymous*

# A couple of pictures from the 2008 Runoffs (Photos by Brent McNaul)



## 2008 Solo Nationals Report

Thirty-seven LSR soloists traveled up to Heartland Park Raceway in Topeka, Kansas for the 36th edition of the SCCA Solo National Championships. After the Pro Solo Finale was almost washed out by two days of rain the weather was nearly perfect for the main event. Given the space restrictions, two excellent courses awaited the competitors that required proper car placement along with just the right amount of aggression to put down a good, clean run. More than one trophy spot was lost due to hitting one of those blankety-blank cones! Congratulations to the LSR trophy winners:

BML Corn, Brianne	1T
DSL McClure-Strelnieks, Beth	1T
SM2 Strelnieks, Erik	1T
CS Pedroza, Dan	2T
CSL Pedroza, Sierra	2T
CSPL Harrison, Monica	2T
SSL Slocum, Carolyn	3T
FS Kroll, Kent	7T
SS Adams, Lance	12T
AS Williams, Chris	15T

One of the things that makes the trip to the Solo Nationals so much fun is the little things. The drivers from Texas have been making the Biergarten the place to hang out for years. This year, Ty Jackson pulled the "small" BBQ pit up to Topeka for Nationals and brought his little brother Jacob to cook for us. So for most of the time we were there we had fresh egg tacos for breakfast, burgers, dogs and sausage wraps for lunch and then for supper we were forced to consume BBQ chicken or pork loin or smoked brisket. It's a tough job but somebody has to do it! Needless to say, there were few leftovers. A collection will be taken to convince the pit to show up at a few 2009 events.

Pictured is Jacob working hard to fix us lunch.



## *The Draft...*

Welcome to the electronic version of the Lone Star Region *Draft*. We hope you find this an easy way to keep up-to-date on activities and enjoy our newsletter in color! Future issues of *The Draft* will include more pictures along with information on what is happening in the region.

Submission deadline for articles and photos is the day of the board meeting. Comments? Questions? Contact Eric Jones (editor@lonestarscca.org or 512-249-6432) or Danny Benzer (re@lonestarscca.org)

Thank you for your support.

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[www.lonestarscca.org](http://www.lonestarscca.org)  
check out the latest on activities!!

LSR monthly Board of Directors meetings are normally held the first Wednesday of the month. The usual location is Athena Manufacturing, 9011 Tuscany Way, Austin, TX 78754. A big thanks to Bill Johnson for allowing us to use his conference room. All LSR members and guests are welcome to attend these meetings. We suggest you verify with a BoD member that the date or location of the meeting has not changed before you come by.

### Coming Up:

- Jan 7 — LSR Monthly BOD meeting
- Jan 10 — SOWDIV Corporation Meeting
- Jan 24 — LSR Annual awards banquet
- Feb 4 — LSR Monthly BOD meeting
- Feb 19-21 — SCCA National Convention, Las Vegas
- Mar 4 — LSR Monthly BOD Meeting
- Mar 6-8 — LSR Double National, TWS