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ReView

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !

Wow its 2009 already, damn you're getting old or should I say seasoned. Speaking of seasons, its time we start the racing season. Again this year Lone Star Region is hosting two races, a double national in early March and our Grand Prix on Memorial Day weekend. We desperately tried to put an enduro together, but after date issues with TWS, Eagles Canyon, NASA, and NASCAR, we just couldn't make it viable. Next year we'll give it another shot. If any of you can give us a hand with ideas and organizational skills, it's never too early to start putting an enduro together. To make it happen next year we need to start thinking about it now and we WILL need your help to be successful!

A couple more quick items: Pay attention to our website for details on upcoming events. All we need now is for you to come out to our events and bring a friend or three. If they're interested, we'll plug them in to the event and they can see how much fun you've been having all these years! To get real close to the action contact Brent at bmcnaul@aol.com and he'll put you or your friend or both of you on a corner spittin distance from the track. How cool is that!

See ya at the track,

Danny



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Registration is now open for the Lone Star Region Texas Two Step Double National at Texas World Speedway on March 4-6, 2009. Online registration is through <http://www.dlbracing.com>. Or you can get a copy of the supps from the LSR website <http://www.lonestarscca.org>

My F&C experience at the 2008 Runoffs

Well, I managed to make it to the SCCA National Championship Runoffs in Topeka last October for the final 2 days of racing at Heartland Park. I have wanted to go for many years, and finally decided this was the one, since I'm from that area of Kansas and this was the last year it would be held there.

Heartland Park is a great track; I was assigned to Turn 5 my first day (Saturday) and then Turn 10 on Sunday. The total car count was around 450 cars spread into 24 classes, each class having their own practice, qualifying, and race sessions. The 2 days I spent there were all races, as I missed the P&Q held during the previous days (it is a 7 day event)..

It was refreshing to work with experienced F&C folks from other Divisions, and everyone seemed to have a good time. As we have seen in our Division the last many years, there was not an over abundance of F&C personnel, with each of my 2 turn assignments having 4 total F&C on station. I think the \$4 per gallon gas prices had an effect on the numbers of both racers and volunteers.

All the races were captured by the Speed Channel, and are being televised this month and last at the rate of 2 races broadcast each week. The races were something like 50 minutes each, which make for a nice 1 hour block of television time for each class. It's been very cool to watch the races that I know I officiated for, and added to the excitement during the event. You just knew that if there was an incident at your station, it was going to eventually be televised. In my case, the big ones seemed to happen at the other stations, and so far, I've seen myself a couple of times briefly on the tube (still kind of neat-did you see that blur of white behind that barrier-that was me).

Things that stood out to me during my time at the track: the prairie grass was green all around, the approach to Turn 10 was a high speed uphill (goes over the tunnel) which required using a remote controlled yellow light to mirror our flag condition to approaching racers; it also had a very short sight line to blue flag, lots of walls close to the track, and a facility that seemed relatively new.

Apparently, the track was just coming on line as I graduated from nearby Manhattan, missed it by that much as Don Adams would have said... 20 years and the SCCA brought me around full circle, pretty cool to work a track back in my old stompin' grounds. This was my 8th different track to flag at, and will always be good memories. I'll work HPR again, might have to schedule it into one of my family visits...

In closing, I encourage anyone and everyone to get involved with the F&C specialty, you never know where it will take you.

Brent McNaul

Lone Star Region F&C

Here are the official groups for the SOWDIV. I've given them letters, so the group order doesn't get confusing. The race groups will rotate for each race, eg the first race group from the previous race will move to the last race group for the next event. As always, check the race supps for the final word.

Group A*: BG, ITA, ITB, ITC, ITE, ITR, ITS, SP, SRX7

Group B: AS, STO, GT1, GT2, GT3, ST, T1, T2, T3, GTA**

Group C: FA, FB, FC, FE, FM, CSR, DSR, S2, FS**, ASR**

Group D: SRF

Group E: F500, FF, FV

Group F: SM

Group G: STU, EP, FP, GTL, HP, SSB, SSC

* *Regional Only group*

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The race groups for the Texas Two Step N/N March 6-8, 2009 will be:

1. Group C
2. Group D
3. Group E
4. Group F
5. Group G
6. Group B

The race groups for Screamin' Eagles R/R March 21-22, 2009 will be:

1. Group D
2. Group E
3. Group F
4. Group G
5. Group A
6. Group B
7. Group C

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.

Solo Notes

The Solo season is just now getting started with local clubs holding regional events throughout South Texas.

The San Antonio Sports Car Association has put on two events so far this year at their usual location at the AT&T Center in San Antonio. Their next event is scheduled for March 15th. Website: <http://www.sasca.org>

The Texas A&M Sports Car Club has begun their spring schedule at the A&M East Riverside Campus, a WWII era Army air base just west of College Station. The big news there is that the Aggies have received permission to use the 4-10 Split section of the runways again! The 4-10 split is the intersection of runways 40 and 110 which provides a much larger area in which to lay out more interesting courses than just slalom up the runway, turn around and slalom back. With the SCCA Solo Nationals moving back to concrete this year, we expect the A&M events to have increased participation from solo drivers within a 200 mile radius. Their next event is March 1st. Website: <http://www.tamscc.org>

The Texas Spokes Sports Car Club begins their season February 15th at San Antonio Raceway just west of Seguin. Spokes is always looking for venues closer to Austin to hold events. If you know of a patch of asphalt or concrete large enough to layout a course, please let them know. Odds are they have already looked into it but you never know. Or if you have five million bucks burning a hole in your pocket and want to build a dedicated driving facility, I can guarantee some customers for you! :) Website: <http://www.spokes.org>

The SCCA Solo National Tour will be making its annual stop in Texas at Gulf Greyhound Park in LaMarque the weekend of April 4-5, 2009. Hosted by Houston Region, this event will attract top drivers from out-of-state plus all the usual suspects from within the state.

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We're on the web—
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:

- Feb 19-21 — SCCA National Convention, Las Vegas
- Mar 4 — LSR Monthly BOD Meeting (tentative)
- Mar 6-8 — LSR Double National, Texas World Speedway
- Mar 21-22 — Screamin' Eagle R/R, Eagles Canyon Raceway
- Apr 1 — LSR Monthly BOD Meeting (Fools rush in...)
- Apr 4-5 — Houston Solo National Tour, Gulf Greyhound Park
- May 1-3 — Sunburn Grand Prix, Texas Motor Speedway