

# Lone Star Draft



News for Racing Enthusiasts in Central Texas

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## Tentative 2003 Calendar

The following (very) tentative schedule was penciled in at the Southwest Division Meeting in Dallas, held on July 20th. Following on the success of the inaugural Texas Grand Prix, the Texas Motor Speedway would like the SCCA back for two dates in 2003, in the Spring and Fall. The Spring date cannot be determined until NASCAR dates have been determined. It is anticipated that the dates will be firmed up by the Division within the next sixty days.

Jan 4, SOWDIV Mtg, Austin, Lone Star  
Jan 11-12, Reg/Reg, Lone Star @ TWS  
Feb 14-16, Nat/Nat, Houston @ TWS  
March 8-9, School/Reg, Texas @ TWS  
April 12-13, Reg/Nat, Houston @ TWS  
May 3-4, Reg/Nat, STBR @ Cabiness  
May 24-25, Reg/Nat, Lone Star @ TWS  
June 7-8, Divisional Solo, TBA  
June 21-22, Reg/Nat, Texas @ TWS \*  
July 12-13, Divisional Solo, TBA  
August 9-10, Divisional Solo, TBA  
Oct 18-19, Reg/Reg, Texas @ TMS  
Nov 22-23, Reg/End, Houston @ TWS  
Dec 6-7, School/Reg, STBR @ Cabiness

TWS Dates reserved but not claimed  
(Lone Star and Houston considering):  
Aug 23-24  
Nov 8-9

Still pending (waiting for NASCAR) is Texas Region's Grand Prix of Texas race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.

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## Phil Clarke To Direct Club Racing

The Sports Car Club of America, Inc. has announced that Phil Clarke, of San Diego, Calif., will assume the position of Director of Club Racing September 3. Current Director of Club Racing Patc Henry will step down when the company moves to Topeka, Kan., November 15.

The current Regional Executive of the San Diego Region SCCA, Clarke joins the National Staff after 23 years with SeaWorld San Diego, most recently serving as the Director of Park Operations.

"Phil's understanding of the SCCA, Club Racing and the challenges facing its regions, participants and workers makes him a perfect fit to direct SCCA Club Racing into the future," said Steve Johnson, SCCA, Inc. President and CEO. "The operations expertise he has gained over the last 23 years with Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks and SeaWorld will benefit all of the SCCA's businesses."

"I'm really looking forward to joining the SCCA team," said Clarke. "I've learned a lot from Anheuser-Busch/SeaWorld, and it's been an excellent company to work for. I've also had some wonderful mentors in the San Diego Region that have taught me a great deal about the Club. I'm looking forward

to working with great members from other regions now as well. I'm pleased to bring my experience as a member, participant and competitor to help the membership move their programs forward."

Clarke has been an active SCCA member since 1987, holding licenses for Flagging and Communications and Regional Competition, as well as serving on the San Diego Region Board of Directors. In 1999, Clarke was named the San Diego Region Worker of the Year, and was elected the region's Regional Executive in 2000.

A graduate of the University of California, San Diego with an MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Clarke has been a career SeaWorld employee, from his year of undergraduate study through today.

Clarke will start September 10, working alongside incumbent Director of Club Racing Patc Henry up until the company's relocation to Topeka, November 15, including the SCCA Club Racing Valvoline Runoffs® National Championships, September 16-22.

"Pac Henry has made considerable contributions to SCCA over several decades, and, thanks to her efforts, Club Racing is now poised to move on to the next level," said Johnson.

Clarke and wife Karen currently live in San Diego, and will be relocating to Kansas permanently in November.

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## SCCA Creates Technical Department Under Ken Brown

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (July 18, 2002) -- The Sports Car Club of America, Inc. has announced the creation of its Technical Department and named Ken Brown its Director of Technical Services.

The new department will also include Technical Managers for each of the Club Racing, Rally and Solo divisions. Presently the Technical Director of SCCA Enterprises and its Spec Racer Ford car, Brown will oversee the new department, reporting directly to SCCA President and CEO Steve Johnson. "This is a major step forward for all of SCCA, elevating our technical services to this new level," said Johnson. "This move will put SCCA on an equal footing with other major sanctioning bodies and their technical departments.

"Putting resources behind the tech department enables us to better handle all of the issues our participants deal with on a daily basis. Ken Brown is a perfect candidate to lead this new venture, and we're once again proud to promote within the SCCA family."

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### Business Stuff

The Lone Star Draft is published by the Lone Star Region of the Sports Car Club of America, and is mailed to members in good standing. Articles appearing in the Draft represent solely the opinions of contributors and the editor.

Submissions are due by the 20th of each month. The Draft encourages submissions, letters, suggestions, and advertising. Unformatted text works best. Photos and graphics are accepted, as well.

Brown joins SCCA, Inc. after a four-year stint with its wholly owned subsidiary SCCA Enterprises. Prior to working with Enterprises, Brown engineered equipment for the disabled for eight years after spending 14 years as a high school and post-secondary teacher and department chair of industrial and technical studies in Omaha, Neb. As an instructor, Brown taught physics, auto mechanics and fabrication. The Omaha-native has a masters degree in Industrial Technical studies with an emphasis on Automotive Engineering from the University of Minnesota-Mankato.

"I'm real excited about moving us into the 21st Century with regard to technical issues and the cars now available to compete in SCCA," said Brown. "From a technical standpoint, I want to renew the idea that this is a fun process and not something that everyone dreads. My job is to get more people interested in having fun at the race track."

Brown has a long history of competition as well, starting as a child in karts before moving to midgets and then sprint cars, which he still drives today. Brown has also competed in SCCA Solo II, drag racing and motorcycles.

"I'm looking forward to working with the various committees and the Competition Board to facilitate better communication," said Brown. "This will allow us to get things done quickly and permit us to move forward. "I have a lot of respect for Jim Dickson and the Enterprises staff. There are a lot of exciting things on the horizon for Enterprises, and I'm a little sad to move on. However, this is a great opportunity for me and my dedication to the Club as a whole."

Brown will officially start as the Director of Technical Services September 3, while assisting in the transition period for Enterprises and the SCCA Pro Racing Pro Spec Racer series. The three technical managers will be announced in the coming months.

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## SPEED Channel To Televis All Runoffs Races For 2002

For the eighth-straight year, SPEED Channel will televise the crown jewel event of the Sports Car Club of America—the Valvoline Runoffs®.

All 48.0-mile Championship races, which highlight top drivers from around the country in an event revered as the "Olympics" of motosports, will be recorded and aired on the SPEED Channel network—the only network dedicated to provide comprehensive, authoritative coverage of motorsports.

"We're excited to continue our relationship with the most exciting, competitive grassroots motorsports event in the world," said David Lee, SPEED Channel Remote Motorsports Coordinating Producer. "It's a grueling weekend to produce 24 races, but both our road racing production crew and broadcast team are more than up for the challenge."

Now in its ninth year at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, the Valvoline Runoffs continue to grow in both number and stature. Despite being held one week following the September 11th attacks, the 2001 event saw a total of 639 competitors take the green flag in pursuit of the ultimate title in club road racing— SCCA National Champion.

"We're thrilled to continue our relationship with SPEED Channel. They have been, and continue to be, a terrific partner with SCCA's products," said Steve Johnson, SCCA Inc. President and CEO. "When Fox purchased Speedvision, there was some concern as to the future of the Runoffs program. However, thanks in large part to our SCCA Pro Racing subsidiary's relationship with SPEED Channel, we're pleased to announce that television coverage will continue with the 2002 event."

The event lasts to seven days, with more than \$1.4million in contingency payouts available.

## SCCA 2002 CLUB RACING SCHEDULE

JAN	12-13	LSR	S/R	TWS 1.8 CCW
JAN	18-21	OD	NN	PHOENIX
FEB	15-17	TEX	N/N	TWS 2.9 CCW
MAR	9-10	HOU	R/N	TWS 2.9 CCW
APR	13-14	OD	R/N	HALLETT
APR	20-21	STB	R/N	CABANISS
MAY	25-26	LSR	R/N	TWS 1.8 CCW
JUN	1-2	OD	R/N	HEARTLAND PK
JUL	6-7	OD	R/N	HALLETT
JUL	12-14	TEX	R/R/N	TMS
JUL	27-28	HOU	R/N	TWS 1.8 CCW
AUG	17-18	OD	R/N	HALLETT
AUG	24-25	TEX	R/R	TWS 2.9
AUG	31-1	OD	R/N	HEARTLAND PK
SEP	16-22	SCCA	RUNOFFS	MID-OHIO
NOV	2-3	TEX	S/S	TWS 1.8 CCW
NOV	23-24	HOU	E/R	TWS 2.9
DEC	7-8	STB	S/R	CABANISS

## OTHER 2002 EVENTS

JAN	26	HOU	SWDIV MTG	HOUSTON
APR	5-7	WORKERS	NASCAR RACE	TMS
JUN	7-8	WORKERS	IRL & CTS RACE	TMS
JUN	8-9	SWDIV	DIVISION SOLO II	TBA
JUL	13-14	SWDIV	DIVISION SOLO II	TBA
JUL	20	TBA	SWDIV MTG	DALLAS
AUG	10-11	SWDIV	DIVISION SOLO II	TBA
SEP	13-15	WORKERS	IRL & CTS RACE	TMS

## KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

LSR	LONESTAR REGION
TEX	TEXAS REGION
HOU	HOUSTON REGION
STB	SOUTH TEXAS BORDER REGION
S	DRIVING SCHOOL
R	REGIONAL RACE
N	NATIONAL RACE
IT	RESTRICTED REGIONAL RACE
E	ENDURO RACE
OD	OUT OF DIVISION RACE
TWS	TEXAS WORLD SPEEDWAY
TMS	TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY
CW	CLOCKWISE
CCW	COUNTER-CLOCKWISE
SWDIV	SOUTHWEST DIVISION SCCA
MW	MIDWEST DIVISION SCCA
IRL	INDY RACING LEAGUE
CTS	CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

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SCCA	SCCA.ORG
TWS	TEXASWORLDSPEEDWAY.COM
TMS	TEXASMOTORSPEEDWAY.COM
HALLETT	MAVIER.COM /HALLETT
SPEEDVISION	SPEEDVISION.COM (television schedule)
ATLAS F1	ATLASF1.COM (Formula 1 coverage)

## SOUTHWEST DIVISION POINTS

National Races, as of: 7/14/02

(One SW Division Race - July 28 - not included)

### Lone Star Region Drivers

Class	Pos	Driver	Points	Leader Pts.
T1	4	Jay Matus	18	72
	5	J.B. Stringer	10	
T2	2	J.B. Stringer	30	72
GT4	1	Richard Flournoy	36	36
	2	David Reed	21	
SSB	8	James Place	1	66
SSC	2	James Place	41	55
FP	5	Edward Peters	9	31
GP	1	Paul Stoltze	24	24
DSR	8	Mike Alexander	11	53
	9	John Gordon II	7	
FC	3	Mike Renna	38	52
	8	Nick St. Laurent	13	
	18	Bill Johnson	4	
	20	Sam Holland	1	
FM	12	Frank Tomlinson	7	57
FF	2	Nick St. Laurent	61	66
	7	C.T. Hancock	14	
	9	Michael Bowen	13	
FV	4	David Zavelson	24	61
	8	Edward Ziegler	14	

## Summer Heats at Texas World Speedway

### Lone Star Region Drivers

Class	Driver	Jul 27 Reg'l.	Jul 28 Nat'l.
T1	J. B. Stringer	2	4
ITS	Cecil Rupe		2
ITS	Mark Stone	2	
SM	Karl Zimmerman	2	DNS
SRX7	Darrell Matocha	10	
SRX7	Gregg Matocha		9
FF	Nick St. Laurent	1	1
FF	John Hancock	DNF	
FV	David Zavelson	DNF	4
SRF	Doug Azzarito	10	DNS
SRF	Jeff Bedell	14	8
SRF	Tim Blakely	21	11
SRF	Voker Steffer	23	16
FM	Brad Pollard	1	2
FM	Frank Tomlinson	5	5
FC	Sam Holland	8	8
SSC	James Place	1	3

For complete results and points standings:

[www.lonestarscca.com](http://www.lonestarscca.com)

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### **Car For Sale**

1987 Toyota Supra Turbo. Will rent for weekend. Great DE car & SCCA ITE car. Fully prepped and ready to run. Richard Ford, 225-921-7522, rftoy@bellsouth.net (Baton Rouge).

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[www.lonestarscca.org](http://www.lonestarscca.org)

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## **New Cars Rumored For SCCA**

The latest uproar on the Formula Ford Underground has erupted based on the rumor that SCCA will allow a couple of new cars from constructor Van Diemen. The cars are rumored to be a winged, open-wheel single seater with the Ford Zetec two liter engine tuned for about 140 horsepower, and a sports racer version of the same car. It is thought that the cars will be priced at \$20,000 and \$24,000, respectively.

Various small constructors in the United States have said it is impossible to sell a car profitably at these prices. They fear their already small market will completely disappear, and resent the fact that Van Diemen builds it's cars in the U.K., and not here on home soil. Current car owners have voiced concern about the SCCA abandoning their classes, and about the value of their current cars being adversely affected by the new Van Diemens. Adding fuel to the fire is the rumor that SCCA Enterprises will be involved in the sale of the cars and parts.

To try and separate fact from fiction, I queried SCCA President Steve Johnson and SCCA SW Division Director Dan Sherrod about the rumors. I also asked if SCCA, Incorporated would ever become more involved in promoting Club Racing events, such as the Texas Grand Prix at Texas Motor Speedway.

### **Dan Sherrod:**

"The Board of Directors has approved no cars for competition. The BoD has authorized SCCA Enterprises to enter into negotiation with Van Dieman for the production of new Spec Formula and Sports Racer cars.

If and when the negotiations are successful, the cars will be presented to the Competition Board for approval and classification. There will be an opportunity

for member input on these items.

As a former FF driver I agree with your assesment of the FF and FV classes and no one wants them to go away. The Board has to find a way to introduce new technology into Club Racing as well as keeping the existing classes viable. A difficult balancing act.

As to your second point, the Club has actually financed a series of spectator events in Central Division. Remember the "Showcase Nationals"? They were an experiment that didn't work out.

When the Club gets in better financial shape, perhaps a new version of that type of event will be considered. Also, many regions do have very successful spectator events. The Texas Regions' is just the latest.

Thanks for your concern. I'm sure Steve can address the marketing efforts of the Club far better than I can."

### **Steve Johnson:**

"The Texas region hit a home run a couple of weeks ago. I had the luxury of attending and was thoroughly impressed.

The SCCA needs to do a better job in promoting spectator events and building its national races. I have announced today a new Director of Club Racing who shares that enthusiasm as well.

We are in the process of finalizing our team which emphasizes TEAM. Pro racing will play a major part in developing cross over programs with Club racing as well as supporting and promoting all club racing participants and workers.

We are not going to spend money on promoting the idea of the day until we have a very well thought out plan that supports our overall strategic plan.

The bottom line is that you are dead on with your thoughts on Club Racing and where we should go."

**Note:** this last comment refers to the suggestion that club racing is a good show at the right venue and SCCA Inc. should help promote more spectator events as a way of introducing the SCCA to more people.

## **What's The Point?**

My point is... GET INVOLVED! Understand first of all that Steve Johnson and all the other paid staff at the SCCA spend all day, every day thinking about where we are headed as an organization. Consequently, they've looked at each issue from more angles than the typical club member.

Regardless of that, we members need to pay attention and voice our concerns and opinions about the "Plan." It's all too easy for directors and administrators to isolate themselves and make decisions in a vacuum, especially if the board and/or staff is prone to "go with the flow." It's also easy for a constituency - like us SCCA members - to become suspicious and cynical when communication doesn't flow in both directions.

There are many ways to get informed and involved, including regional and divisional websites and, of course, the big daddy: [www.scca.org](http://www.scca.org). There are probably forums out there for your particular class or activity. And there's that old standby... the telephone.

If you care about where the SCCA is headed, a little vigilance and communication will go a long way. Our leaders need to be reminded that we're paying attention and that we care about how their decisions affect us, individually and collectively. After all, we pay the bills, don't we? We do that willingly and with purpose: so that our needs will be served.

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## **Express Yourself**

Submission of articles, stories, commentary, questions is welcomed here at the luxurious offices of the Lone Star Draft. Send to: [nichola@austin.rr.com](mailto:nichola@austin.rr.com). Keep the formatting to a minimum. I'm trying to fill this space with something useful so that I don't have to resort to the old standby: lorem ipsum dolor sit amet...

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## Heart Attack Led To Kasik's Fatal Accident At Road America

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. - (July 30, 2002) - Robert Kasik, 56, of Roscoe, Ill., suffered a heart attack while in his race-car, leading to his fatal accident at Road America Sunday during an SCCA Club Racing National event.

Reports have found that Kasik was unconscious due to a heart attack when his Chevrolet Camaro left the track at turn 12. Kasik sustained a basal skull fracture in the resulting impact, which the coroner has listed as his cause of death.

Kasik was a veteran of 27 years of competition and won the 1996-1998 Showcase National series. He was a frequent qualifier for the annual SCCA Valvoline Runoffs® National Championship event, recording a best finish of fifth in 1998.



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