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Southwest Division Meeting In Austin, Hosted By Lone Star Region

The Lone Star Region hosts the Southwest Division meeting on Saturday, July 26. The meeting will take place at RPM Indoor Raceway in Round Rock. The usual starting time is around 9:00 a.m., but an official announcement will confirm the details. If you do not have a way to access the Lonestarscca.org website, call one of your board members for further information.

Among the topics expected to be discussed:

- 2004 Road Race schedule for nationals, regionals, and schools.
- Mid-year financial report.
- Proposal from worker committee on program to reward/provide incentives for workers.
- Report on 2003 Double National financials.
- Report on transponder system costs/revenue/depreciation/etc.

- Retroactive \$250/day payments for worker incentives post-March, 2003

- Establishment of a SW Division newsletter replacing regional newsletters.

As in past meetings at RPM Indoor Raceway, you can expect members to amuse themselves with a little on-track activity during breaks or at the conclusion of the meeting.

RPM Indoor Raceway is located at 2400 South IH35 in Round Rock. The phone number is 512.255.2552, and their website address is www.rpmir.com.

Formula SCCA Car Makes Appearance At TWS Race

The new Formula SCCA open wheel racer made its first appearance in the Southwest Division, racing both days at the Armadillo Sprints held at Texas World Speedway. The Van Diemen built, 2.3 liter car is powered by a Mazda four cylinder motor, and

utilizes a sequential shift five-speed gearbox.

Although there are very few of these cars running at this point, because the car is being sold through SCCA Enterprises, it has been allowed to compete in the Formula Atlantic class in national competition. With around 150 horsepower, it is not expected to be competitive in that class, but the class designation does allow the car to be run both days at a regional/national weekend.

The car is a spec car and, as such, modification is prohibited, similar to the Spec Racer Ford cars also sold through Enterprises. A national racing series has been announced and competitors will be racing as a support event on professional racing weekends around the country.

The dealer for Southwest Division is: Don Blenderman

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SCCA Outsources Merchandise Handling

Please be aware that the SCCA merchandise previously handled by Jean Crouch out of SCCA Enterprises has now been outsourced to Bear Promotions. All items except for Marketing material will be sold through the Bear Promotions website (scheduled to be ready beginning in July.)

Until then, the toll free number for Bear Promotions is 800-445-5960 for orders called in. The fax number is 785-825-8537 for orders to be faxed in. The order form on the website can be downloaded, should be updated within the next couple of days.

This new arrangement will allow orders for SCCA merchandise on hand to be shipped within 24 hours which should greatly improve our customer service. Also, orders can be combined with SCCA apparel from Bear, so that the members now have one stop shopping available on the web!

Please let me know if you have any questions!

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Formula Mazda Pro Car Breaks Cover At Motorsports Ranch

The photo below is a first look at the 2004 Pro FM that was at MSR last Monday to view. The car looked great and sounded fantastic. The cockpit had plenty of room even for drivers over 6 foot. We found out that now the paddle shift is standard equipment on the car rather than an option. The first 5 cars are scheduled for delivery at the end of September. Thereafter, they will deliver 10 per month. Hope you enjoy the photos and if you have any questions, call Texas Autosports. The phone number is 817-512-4752.



The car is priced just under \$70,000 and to date Texas Autosports has taken deposits on 13 cars, while nationwide more than fifty cars have been ordered.

The 240 hp, six speed gearbox, rotary-engined car should be able to run in Formula S as a regional class, but the status in national SCCA racing is unknown at this time.

SCCA Deep Sixes Pro Spec Racer Ford Series

SCCA Pro Racing announced today that it has cancelled the remainder of the 2003 Pro Spec Racer series.

The series initially appeared in 1985 with a Renault power plant and was re-introduced with Ford power in 1994. Once part of a successful SCCA Pro Racing feature weekend package, that also included the Trans-Am, World Challenge and Formula Ford 2000, the series high profile event opportunities have largely fallen by the wayside to series with more fan appeal or sponsorship dollars, often required to help offset event promoter costs.

“Unfortunately, the Pro Spec Racer series has run its course as a viable professional racing series,” said Mitch Wright, SCCA Pro Racing Vice President and General Manager. “We’ve tried to alter the series’ business model several times to reflect the lack of support from promoters and sponsors, but that has resulted in reduced support from participants, and we have no other choice but to cease the series’ operations.”

“Spec Racers continue to be SCCA Club Racing’s biggest class, and with over 800 cars in existence, will likely remain so for years to come. However, without the support of event promoters, sponsorship dollars and participants, we cannot logically continue the Pro series.”

2003 SOWDIV, SCCA Schedule

Jan. 4	Lone Star	SOWDIV Meeting	Austin
Jan. 11-12	Lone Star	Double Regional	TWS 2.9
Feb. 14-15-16	Houston	Double National	TWS 2.9
Mar. 8-9	Texas	School / Regional	TWS 1.8
April 12-13	Houston	Solo I	Beeville, TX
May 2-3-4	Texas	Regional / National / RR	TMS
May 24-25	Lone Star	Regional / National / RR	TWS 1.8cw
June 7-8		Div. Solo II	TBA
June 21-22	Houston	Regional / National / RR	TWS 1.8
July 12-13		Div. Solo II	TBA
July TBA		SOWDIV Meeting	TBA
Aug. 2-3	Texas	Regional / National / RR	TMS
Aug. 9-10		Div. Solo II	TBA
Oct. 18-19	Texas	Double Regional	TMS
Nov. 22-23	Houston	Regional / Enduro	TWS 2.9
Dec. 6-7	S TX Border	School / Regional	Cabaniss
Dec.12-13	Texas	Rally	Paris, TX

TWS = Texas World Speedway at College Station

TMS = Texas Motor Speedway at Fort Worth

Cabaniss = airport course at Corpus Christi

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Do it!

If you've ever thought about having a truly memorable weekend at the racetrack, now is the time. All racing organizations, SCCA included, are facing difficult times worrying if there will be enough enthusiast volunteers to put on a race event. Learn about the possibilities at our website: **LONESTARSCCA.ORG**
Then contact us and have yourself an adventure!

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Formula Ford Swift DB-1 and Formula Continental Swift DB-3, 2001 Dodge 3500 diesel loaded and 40' BRD gooseneck 3-axle all aluminum enclosed trailer w. removable ramping for 4 formula cars. Contact John Hancock at 361-727-9022, cell-361-319-6128 or e-mail hanc78@aol.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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LSR Board Meeting
Athena Manufacturing
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All members are invited

Sue Iskra's Driver Spotlight

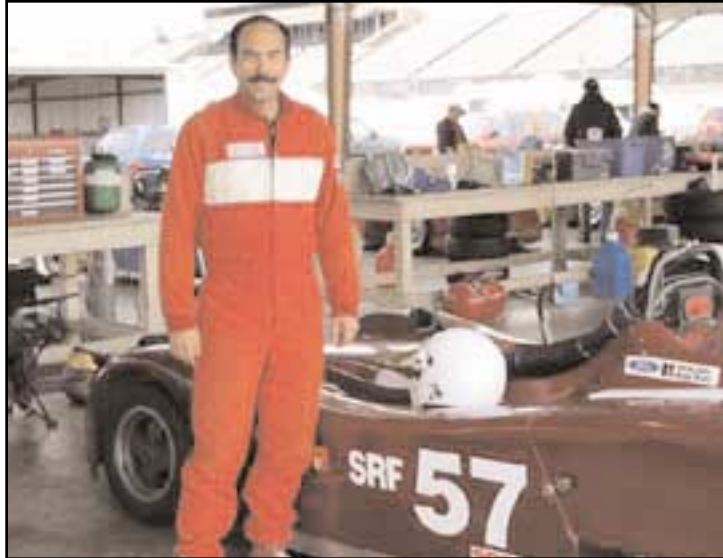
The Houston Region SCCA presented the Space City Double Nationals Valvoline Pro Vee Series on Valentine's Day weekend at Texas World Speedway in College Station. That brought me to the next driver you get to learn about. David Schorr, LSR member, drives the #57 in the Spec Racer Ford class. He lives in Austin with his wife, Laura, and his 14 year old son, Sam. When he's not racing, David works for BAE Systems in Austin as a mechanical engineer. He is also an assistant Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America and enjoys playing volleyball.

The 42 year old has been racing in the SRF class since 1996. This year he racked up his first win (1st overall/1st in class) during the enduro race at TWS in November 2002. His team consisted of Tom Dalrymple and Reggie Brunner for the six hour event that took place on Sunday of that weekend. In his solo efforts, during the last 3 to 5 years, he has finished 3rd in regionals and 5th in nationals. He has raced as few as 3 weekends per season and as many as 8-9. David has had 2 poles in his career. Both had occurred during regional races; one at Corpus Christi (Old Naval Air Station) at Cabiness Field and the other at TWS.

David got started in racing back in 1989 when he bought a DPS mustang at auction and used it to autocross between 2 and 3 years. Further down the road, he got himself into the Porsche Club for lapping ses-

sions with his Corvette and also kept up with auto crossing.

On Friday, the cars used their time to practice and set themselves up via the 2.9 mile course. Saturday morning the SRF class, usually the largest group qualified 43 cars for the field. David was 8th fastest with a lap time of 1:59.70 and with a speed of 87.157 mph. He was one of roughly 15 cars sent to inspection



after the qualifying session. During the race Saturday, David finished in 8th position with his quickest lap of 1:56.258!

Sunday, however, was a different story. David qualified on Sunday to start in 4th position in which he was very pleased. On lap 2, Terry Clyburn took the apex of turn 6 with Michael Wold-Steele attempting to pass on the inside. Michael did not make it up far enough to be seen by Clyburn. Michael had to go off the inside of turn 6 and there could have been contact with Clyburn, as far as David could see from his standpoint. The end result was Michael spinning first to the outside of the track, and then reversing toward the inside of the track. David ran into Michael as he was coming back across the track from right to left. David suspected he

was down to 40 or 50 mph when he hit Michael, however he still got his bell rung a little bit. He thinks it'll be several weekends of work plus a few thousand dollars to repair the car. Our driver thought it was nice the way several others hung around to make sure he was OK and helped him get his wrecked car loaded on his trailer after the race. Unfortunately, the #57 finished 38th due to the accident. He was very sore on Monday with hand, neck, and back pain. He said he felt like he had been beaten up on Sunday. In all the years he has been racing, this was by far the most severe accident that he has ever had.

David enjoys the SRF class because the cars are very competitive and all are set up pretty equal. He likes road racing because of the variety of turns and the drafting. David has said these cars are the safest that he's raced in and luckily he's

never been seriously hurt-but his wallet has!!

I'll be looking for another Lone Star driver at the next event. Race safe & see you at the checkers!

Sue Iskra, LSR member

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. Keep the formatting to a minimum.

ClubRally Events Suspended

The SCCA has announced that all stand-alone SCCA ClubRally event operations have been temporarily suspended, effective immediately. Included in the suspension are all ClubRally and RallySprint operations which are sanctioned as Coefficient 1 or higher.

The suspension does not include any of the SCCA ProRally Championship events. Also, ClubRally support events within SCCA ProRally Championship events will continue. SCCA RallyCross events are not impacted by the suspension.

During this suspension, an evaluation of all SCCA Performance Rally operational standards will be conducted by the Performance Rally Board. ClubRally operations are expected to resume as soon as possible following completion of the evaluation and implementation of appropriate recommendations.

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