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Odds 'n Ends

Well, a lot has happened since the last newsletter was published. Over the Memorial Day weekend we put on the Lone Star Grand Prix Regional/National road races at Texas World Speedway in College Station. We had lots of close racing, almost no issues with the race cars and everybody seemed to have a good time. The Saturday night Luau food was BBQ with all the fixin's including a roasted pig! There were remote control car races, giveaways and leis for everybody. The only concern during the weekend was the low worker turnout, particularly F&C corner workers. Low worker turnout is a concern nationwide within SCCA, not just in the Southwest Division. If you have suggestions for attracting more workers and retaining them, please contact anyone on the LSR BoD, we'd be happy to listen to your suggestions.

In June, Lone Star Region with the help of Texas Spokes Sports Car Club hosted the second of four SOWDIV Solo Divisional Se-

ries events at the Cooper Tire and Vehicle Test Center in Pearsall, Texas. One hundred and five drivers from Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma competed in their respective classes for bragging rights and series points. As usual, there were close battles and a few blow-outs but in the end everybody had a good time and vows to get even at the next event. The Friday night Welcome party featured fajitas and adult beverages while BBQ and fixin's were served at the Saturday night bench racing party. Everybody was looking forward to the next stop in the series in Houston in July.

The LSR Annual Elections and General Meeting was held June 11 at the Oasis Restaurant on Lake Travis. Congratulations to the new Board of Directors elected at the meeting. I know that they are eager to begin planning for a full slate of events next year. If you check the list of BOD members to the left of this page, you'll notice that we have one vacancy for an At-Large position on the board. If you would like to volunteer your time to help keep LSR as

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one of the best regions in the country, please contact any member of the board and we'll get you set up. Danny would like to appoint someone to fill the vacant position at the August board meeting.

One sad note to report. Paula Taylor has decided to retire from active participation in SCCA events effective June 30th. Apparently, after 30+ years in the club, she doesn't like us anymore! Can you believe that? Just kidding... ;-) We wish her well in her new endeavor as a drummer in a Rock 'n Roll band. In recognition of her many years of service to Lone Star Region, Paula was given the McCroskey Award at the Annual Banquet. "The McCroskey award is given to an individual who has contributed the most time and effort to promote the Region's ideal and purposes above and beyond his or her position within the Region." And in her own words:

Wow. I was given the McCroskey Award. Wow. I have become part of Lone Star's history – John C. Hancock, Gregg Matocha, Mike Swensen... and ME just to name a few! I am honored to be the recipient of this award. I have enjoyed supporting all facets of the club for the past 35 years. The people I have met and the friends I have made have certainly made being an active member fun. But to be awarded the McCroskey, wow.

I have enjoyed supporting my friends and extended family in club racing. Supporting my son, Chris, as he started club racing as well as participating in events from chairing races to helping at events, to pursuing doing RallyCross events has certainly been worthwhile. It has been a fun ride – like a roller coaster – some ups and downs, some fast turns, some stomach churning thrills. If you have not been an active participant in Lone Star events, I encourage you to give it a try. It has been rewarding and fun – jump in and see for yourself!!

Paula Taylor



Paula Taylor receives the McCroskey Award from Danny Benzer and Gregg Matocha. Photo by Ashley

Solo News

Thirty-six members of LSR hosted competitors from Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma the weekend of June 7-8, 2008 at the Cooper Tire and Vehicle Test Center in Pearsall, Texas. While the competition was foremost on everybody's mind beer, BBQ and bench racing were a close second all weekend. In the end, everybody survived the heat and went home (mostly) happy after a weekend of driving with their friends and looking forward to the next event in the SOWDIV Solo Divisional Series hosted by Houston Region the weekend of July 19-20. There was one unsubstantiated rumor that somebody's kite was electrocuted during the weekend but that was the only reported casualty. The full results can be found here:

http://www.spokes.org/uploads/sowdiv2_fin.htm

The trophy winners from LSR were:

1st - SS Lance Adams
1st - SSL Carolyn Slocum
1st - BS Eric Jones
1st - CS Chris Williams
1st - GS Dan Pedroza
1st - CSP Monica Harrison
1st - XP Rich Windberg
1st - DP Ward Marshall
1st - EP Ross Roetman
1st - FP Tom Holt
1st - GP David Stamman
1st - STU John Hale
1st - SM2 Erik Strelnieks
2nd - SS Troy Dudley
2nd - SSL Iven Dudley
2nd - AS Drew VanderPloeg
2nd - FS Kent Kroll
2nd - FP Rick Martinez
2nd - BM Brianne Corn
2nd - STU Vivek Goel
2nd - SM2 Beth McClure-Strelnieks

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.



Happy LSR Campers at the Annual Banquet. Photo by Ashley.

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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:

- July 12 — SOWDIV planning meeting
- Aug 6 — LSR Monthly BOD meeting
- Sept 3 — Monthly BOD Meeting
- Sept 16-19 — SCCA Solo Nationals, Heartland Park, Topeka, KS
- Oct 1 — Monthly BOD Meeting
- Oct 6-12 — SCCA Runoffs, Heartland Park, Topeka, KS
- Feb 2009 — SCCA Annual Convention, Vegas baby!