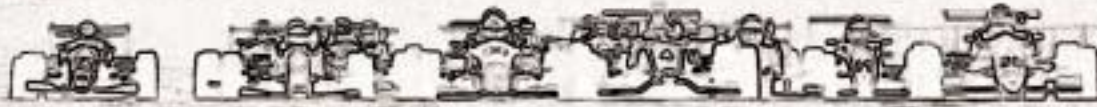


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News for Racing Enthusiasts in Central Texas

March 2002

SCCA GRAND PRIX OF TEXAS - TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas (March 26, 2002) - The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) announced today that it will hold a sports car road racing weekend at Texas Motor Speedway, July 13 & 14, 2002.

The event, called the SCCA Grand Prix of Texas, is the first SCCA Club Racing sanctioned event to be held at Texas Motor Speedway, and will be open to the public. The event will feature all SCCA Club Racing classes which include sedans, open-wheel formula cars, and sports racers. Racing will be on the 2.3-mile road/oval course, with each race running 30 to 40 minutes. As many as 300 competitors are expected from throughout the country, including several SCCA National Champions.

"This is an important event for the SCCA," says Don Howson, SCCA Regional Executive. "It marks the return of SCCA Club Racing to North Texas, and has the potential to become one of the premier SCCA race events. Texas Motor Speedway is one of the finest racing facilities in the country, and will be key to increasing public awareness of the SCCA and its racing programs in Texas."

In addition, to the race this year, SCCA has booked six additional weekends at TMS through the end of 2005.

Tickets, which include paddock and garage access, can be purchased at the gate for \$10 per person, per day, on Saturday and Sunday. In an effort to focus on making this event truly a family venue, the SCCA has made bringing the whole family very affordable. Children under 16, accompanied by an adult, will be admitted FREE. Gates open from 9am to 6pm each day.

Information about the event will be available on the Texas Region SCCA web site at www.texasscca.org after May 1.

Restricted Regionals To Run Both Days

The Lone Star Region will run Restricted Regional classes on both Saturday and Sunday at its May event.

In order to accommodate the additional race groups on Sunday, the two day race meeting will be run on the 1.8 mile course, in the clockwise direction.

Event race chairman Gregg Matocha said that, "in order to run the RRs on Sunday, we are looking at possibly using the finishing results from Saturdays races to set the grid. I am still looking at the numbers to see what is possible." One alternative could be a combined practice/qualifying session and shorter races for those two run groups on Sunday.

2002 Runoffs Race Order

So you can start planning your stay in Mansfield, Ohio for this year's SCCA Valvoline Runoffs®, here is the race order for the event:

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
S2000	SSC	GT5
SSB	F500	CSR
FP	SRF	FM
GT4	T1	GT3
T2	FF	FC
FV	GT2	EP
AS	GP	GT1
HP	DSR	FA

The actual Qualifying and Race times will appear in the Supplemental Regulations that will be published in the May issue of SportsCar.

Lone Star Draft Delivery Option (no, this is not about beer)

If you would like to receive your copy of the Lone Star Draft newsletter electronically via e-mail, and **not** receive a paper copy, please notify the editor at: nichola@austin.rr.com

This file will be in Adobe PDF format. Members should also note that the newsletter will be available at the Lone Star region's website, lonestarscca.org.

Auto Show Benefits School

Texas School for the Deaf Foundation will sponsor its first annual Auto Show on Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Owners of vintage, hot rodders, creative vehicles and motorcycles are welcome to "show off" their prized possessions. If you pre-register on or before March 20, 2002 it will be \$20.00. After March 20, 2002 registration will be \$25.00. Prizes will be given.

Admission is \$5.00 per adult. Vendors are welcome and will be charged \$50.00. Admission includes viewing the various vehicles and participation in family-oriented activities on the football field.

The proceeds will go to the Auto Collision Repair program (to purchase equipment for classroom usage, etc.) TSD is the only school that offers such a program for high school students in the Austin area. Coming this fall, hearing students from other local public schools will be signing up for this class with our deaf students. It will be an exciting partnership.

If there are any questions, please contact Gracie Campbell at 512 462-5471 or email: Keith.Baker@tsd.state.tx.us.

Low Cost Helmet Restraint System

SOWDIV's own Jay Wright has been developing a low cost Helmet Restraint System (HRS) over the last couple of years. As opposed to the HANS system, the design is intended for public domain, in that Jay provides the drawings and instructions so that others can procure the parts and build their own safety devices.

The last time I reviewed the parts the system could be built for less than \$100! It incorporates the mechanism used in

production automotive seat belt systems as the main component and assorted hardware to attach to the car and the driver's helmet.

Jay has passed his largest hurdle and expense to date by submitting the design to be crash tested at Wayne State University on the NASCAR crash sled. The dummy lived! Jay plans to make an adjustment to one of the helmet attachment points in future modifications.

For those of you who do not know Jay Wright, he is a T-5 paraplegic from an accident at the 1993 RunOffs that were held in Road Atlanta. He drove the following year with the use of hand controls in his car. He has worked tech and done some stewarding for us in SOW-DIV. He is also Carolyn Wright's partner in crime.

He will submit the design to SCCA for approval.

Southwest Formula Mazda Series

by Sandy Magrath

The 2002 Southwest Formula Mazda Series ran Rounds 1 & 2 at the Texas Region SCCA Polar Prix Double National held at Texas World Speedway on February 16-17.

On Saturday, Brad Pollard qualified on the pole with Bob Stallings 2nd and Kevin Dutton in 3rd. On Lap 6, Nick Leber and Dutton battled it out but Dutton prevailed and went on to pass Stallings on Lap 12. Pollard won the race with Dutton in 2nd and Stallings in 3rd. Unfortunately, the Adjustable RPM chips in the FM's will change over time and Dutton's was found slightly over the limit upon SCCA technical inspection. So, Stallings was awarded the 2nd place finish and R.David Jones the 3rd. Nick Leber had the fastest race lap with a 1:42:08.

On Sunday, Brad Pollard again qualified on the pole with Bob Stallings in 2nd

and R.David Jones in 3rd. With Jones having some trouble on Lap 3, Greg Byrne moved into 3rd position with Nur B. Ali in 4th. Nick Leber, starting in last place because of the same chip problem that Dutton encountered on Saturday, fought his way up through the pack and passed Byrne on Lap 11. Leber then set his sites on 2nd position. Leber took 2nd on Lap 13. The race concluded with Pollard in 1st, Leber in 2nd, and Byrne in 3rd. Stallings finished in 4th position with a punctured tire and only 7 lbs of air. Brad Pollard had the fastest race lap with a 1:42:10.

Round 1 (TWS SCCA National 2/16/02)

1. Brad Pollard (1:42:62)
2. Bob Stallings (1:43:71)
3. R.David Jones (1:44:01)
4. Tom Woodman (1:47:17)
5. Greg Byrne (1:48:71)
6. Nick Leber (1: 42:08)
7. Dena Tomlin (1:53:11)
8. Nur B. Ali (1:46:20)
9. Kevin Dutton (1:42:57)
10. Frank Tomlinson (1:47:15)

Round 2 (TWS SCCA National 2/17/02)

1. Brad Pollard (1:42:10)
2. Nick Leber (1:43:54)
3. Greg Byrne (1:45:80)
4. Bob Stallings (1:44:70)
5. R.David Jones (1:44:62)
6. Tom Woodman (1:44:73)
7. Frank Tomlinson (1:44:94)
8. Nur B. Ali (1:45:50)
9. Dena Tomlin (1:46:59)



Brad Pollard out front in Formula Mazda round one

Racers, crew, spectators... submit your race reports and photos to:

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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 CW
JUN	1-2	OD	R/N	HEARTLAND PK
JUL	6-7	OD	R/N	HALLETT
JUL	27-28	HOU	R/N	TWS 2.9 CCW
AUG	17-18	OD	R/N	HALLETT
AUG	24-25	TEX	R/R	TWS 1.8
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 CCW
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	TBA	TBA	SWDIV MTG	TBA
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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WEBSITE ADDRESSES

LSR	LONESTARSCCA.ORG
TEX	TEXASSCCA.ORG
HOU	HOUSCCA.COM
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)

SW DIV NATIONAL RACE RESULTS 2002

Driver	Class	Feb16	Feb17	Mar10
Jay Matus	T1	5	6	2
J.B. Stringer	T1	ne	ne	5
J. B. Stringer	T2	2	1	ne
David Reed	GT4	dnf	2	ne
Richard Flournoy	GT4	ne	ne	dnf
James Place	SSC	4	6	3
Paul Stoltze	GP	1	1	ne
Jeffrey Bedell	SRF	20	dnf	ne
Donna Lakomski	SRF	24	18	ne
Tom Dalrymple	SRF	35	ne	ne
Patrick O'Keefe	SRF	ne	ne	dnf
Michael Renna	FC	4	4	3
Nick St. Laurent	FC	dnf	dns	dnf
Bill Johnson	FC	ne	ne	6
Walter Renna	FC	ne	dns	ne
Brad Pollard	FM	1	1	ne
Frank Tomlinson	FM	dsq	10	ne
Nick St. Laurent	FF	3	1	dnf
C.T. Hancock	FF	2	5	ne
Michael Bowen	FF	8	9	6
David Zavelson	FV	5	6	3
Cathy Barnard	FV	15	15	8
David Trzeciak	FV	20	19	15
Shawn Hokanson	FV	22	ne	11
Henry Schulle	FV	ne	ne	13

Abbreviations	ne	not entered
	dnf	did not finish
	dns	did not start
	dsq	disqualified

For complete results of Southwest Division races, go to the Texas region website results page:

<http://www.texasscca.org/results.html>

Trophies Anyone?

We have a few 2001 Southwest Division Season trophies (those beautiful carved wooden plaques) yet to be picked up.

Tom Dalrymple	1st	SW National	SRF
Paul Stoltze	2nd	SW National	GP
Edward Peters	1st	SW Regional	ITB

Pick up the plaques at the next Texas World Speedway race (look for my red Swift Formula Ford #9). You worked hard in the championship... these awards will help you relate the glory days to your grandchildren.

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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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New batteries, heavy duty springs, recently serviced. \$1,400 obo. call Steve 512-694-4602

Editor's Corner

A Conversation With Alex Zanardi

by Eric Mauk

submitted by Darrell Matocha

Alex Zanardi recently completed six weeks of rehabilitation at the INAIL Medical Center in Budrio, Italy, making another step up in his progress after his horrific accident that caused the amputation of both of his legs during a CART FedEx Championship Series event last season.

He returned to his Monte Carlo home last Friday and has been up and around walking for the last couple of months, and has taken the time to give his fans an update on what he has been doing and how he is progressing.

What follows is a partial transcript of a conversation with Zanardi, provided by Mo Nunn Racing's public relations chief Laz Denes.

"I'm back home in Monte Carlo, basically taking advantage of all the things I have learned in the last six weeks, and utilizing those things in my journey back to a normal life. I'm certainly not very fast, but I'm conducting a normal life and I'm really, really happy about that. Right now, my day is about going to the supermarket, going to the bank, going to pick up my son at school. Just yesterday, I bought my first pair of shoes since the accident. A pair of sport shoes, nothing fancy. Right now, normally you go into the store and check the comfort of the shoes. I go in and check the mechanics of the shoes, to make sure I can walk in them. It was a little embarrassing, at first, because the lady in the shop didn't know anything about me. So I had to explain a little bit. I was served. I had what I wanted.

"It'll take, for sure, some more time

before I can say I don't have much to learn anymore. I still have a lot to learn, but nothing that cannot be learned by living a normal life. Obviously, it's just like skiing. You put the skis on the first time, and it feels like it's impossible that you can ever do anything close to what you see on television when athletes come down the runs. But then, eventually, if you have a certain aptitude, you develop control. But the learning curve never really reaches a flat spot... you're always learning. Eventually, you come to a flat spot, but you can always do even better and better and better. Right now, every day I learn something.

"The other day I drove from Bologna back to here. It was great. I went and bought a sandwich, and I filled the car with gas... all the things when people stop and see me they say 'wow.' They think of me as a guy who just five months ago lost his legs and was closer to death than to life, and they see me at this point doing quite well. I understand that for people who haven't seen me in a long time, that's impressive, and I'm proud of that.

There are days when everything is perfect, where I can walk kilometers and stay on my legs all day long. Yesterday was a good day. I went on my own to a big sports store with escalators and I went up on my own. Later I went to pick up my son. Later in the day I went to Venti Milla, the village in Italy just across the border, to do some shopping. It was a good day and I wore my legs all day. But just the day before I had pain in my left leg due to a process that is evolving called calcification, and sometimes it hurts very badly. So, those days, it's hard to take just a few steps. Other days, it's funny because I put my legs on and they don't feel right, and this thing can last the entire morning. It's a normal part of the evolution I am going through. Unfortunately, right now it's not predictable when these days will happen. This is the reason I hesitate to take a trip for so long.

"The good thing is that I've turned the first page of that book. Actually, I've finished the first chapter. All of the others are very, very short. So when I go back, it's going to be very, very short. Not two months like it was this time. I've learned the basics. It's now up to me to develop a normal life."

President's Corner

SCCA UNIVERSITY

As big a business as motorsports has become, it is imperative that SCCA invests in the training of its regions, staff and members.

Without a doubt, our people are the best in the industry. All sanctioning bodies have relied heavily upon the SCCA experts in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

The SCCA University was unveiled at our National Convention to the delight of all attendees. This formalized National training program will develop the curriculum, identify the participants, provide an on-going consistent training and most importantly, invest in the future of all motorsports.

The SCCA University will give all of our members the opportunity to learn new skills and enhance current skills, while maintaining the fun, camaraderie and friendships that are a part of the SCCA membership.

Our University is the first of many steps that will put the SCCA in the mainstream, as well as secure our future as the true leader in all of motorsports.

I look forward to seeing you in class soon!

Steve Johnson, President and CEO
SCCA, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

From the Director of Customer Service,
Wendy Grillo

In his presentation to the Board of Directors and the membership at the Annual Meeting held during the 2002 National Convention, Tom Campbell, Treasurer, announced that there will be an increase in National dues for the first time since June 1998.

Effective June 1, 2002 SCCA National dues will be as follows:

Regular Membership	\$55.00
Spouse Membership	\$15.00
Family Membership	\$85.00
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