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# LONE STAR DRAFT

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## Things You Need To Know About

Well, it's that time again! Elections for the LSR Board of Directors is June 11, 2008. The annual membership and elections meeting will be at The Oasis Restaurant on Lake Travis. This is your opportunity to come out and socialize with your fellow racers from around Central Texas. While we have you on one place, we'd like to update you on plans the board has for LSR and to find out what we can do for **you**, the membership. We can operate in a vacuum but we'd rather know what you want from us to provide to you, the membership. Come out and bend our collective ears!

In order for us to have a successful election, we need candidates! We have six board positions up for election this year and we are losing three current board members so we need new members to step up and volunteer to run for office. The duties are not hard and usually only require a few hours commitment each month. This is your opportunity to give back to **your** club. If you are interested in serving

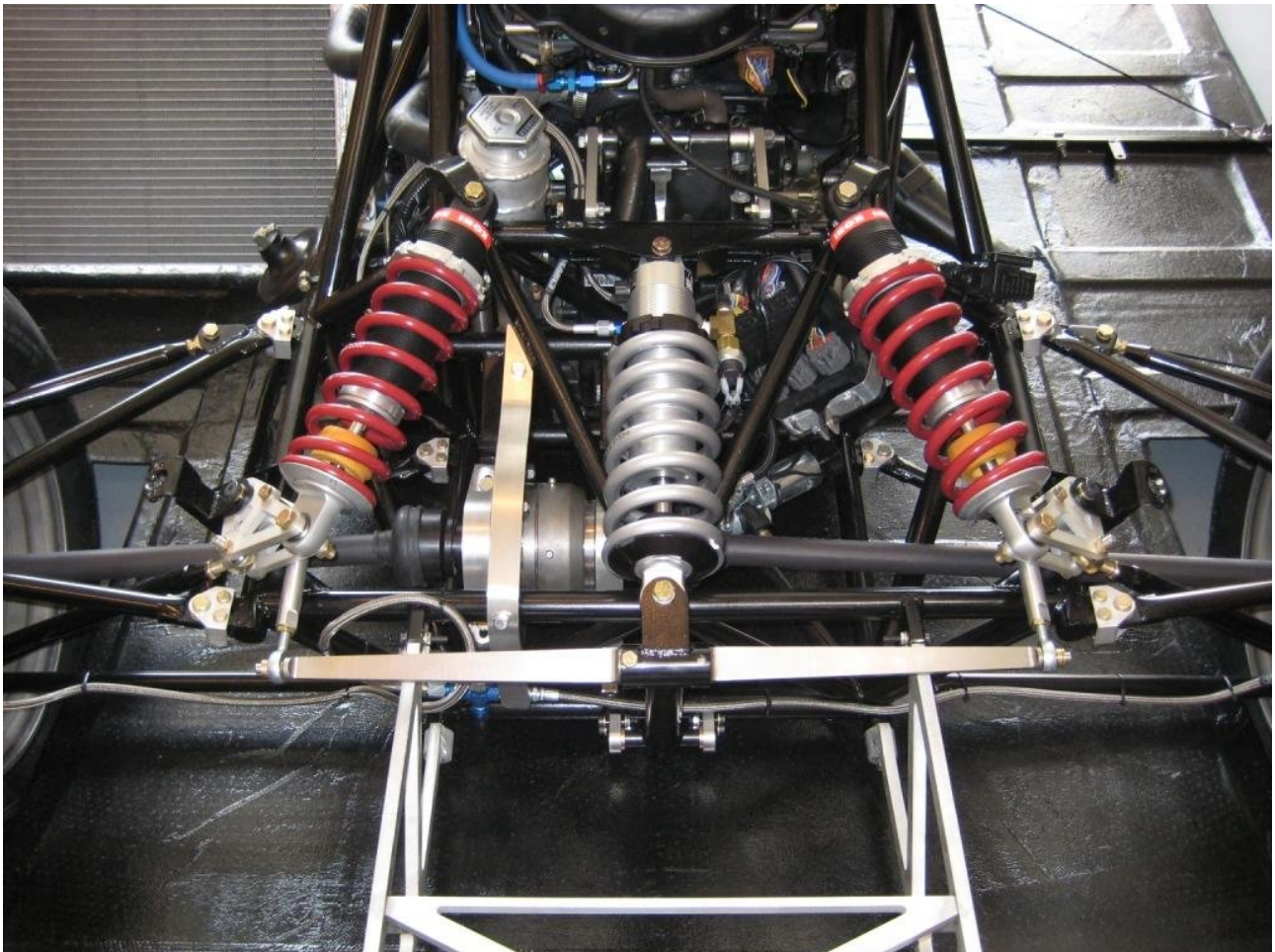
on the board, just contact any current member and we will be happy to assist you in getting your name on the ballot. Nominations are accepted through May 25th. Ballots will be mailed out shortly thereafter and must be received by the secretary by the annual meeting June 11th. Better yet, bring your completed ballot to the election meeting and enjoy the company of your fellow members and the **free** food!

The Lone Star Grand Prix Regional/National races are this Memorial Day weekend, May 24-25, 2008 at Texas World Speedway. Members are welcome to come out and watch the best racers in Texas battle it out on the 2.9 mile road course. Practice sessions are in the morning with the first race starting around 11:30 AM both days. And if you want the second best seat in the house, we can always use volunteers to help work the event. All specialties are willing and eager to give you on-the-job training!



Zilker Vehicle Technology LLC is a young company based in Austin, TX that provides mechanical CAD/drafting, machining, and fabrication services to the racing community. Zilker Vehicle Technology was formed by a husband and wife team who recruited a small group of family and close friends from Texas and Michigan to pursue their collective passion for motorsports. These individuals have a varied background in mechanical engineering, aerospace, motorsports, and manufacturing. Combined, the team has over 28 years of Formula SAE experience spanning from 1998-2007, producing 13 Formula SAE entries. Team captains and Technical Directors from six of those entries are now on the Zilker Vehicle team. Aside from the engineering background, the Zilker Vehicle team comprises individuals from trade and technical fields who have professional experience in welding, fabrication, and machining.

The Zilker Vehicle Team recently unveiled to the public their D-Sports Racer prototype (ZD01), which they designed and built as a flagship vehicle for demonstrating the company's capabilities. DSR is one of several SCCA classes that allow constructors to provide unique and competitive technology to customers who understand and appreciate innovative and sophisticated design. The ZD01's suspension system incorporates a unique third spring arrangement with anti-roll bars in both the front and rear to allow for improved tuning of aerodynamic loads and mechanical grip. The prototype model is powered by a Kawasaki ZX10R 1000cc engine, however the chassis is readily configurable for all standard 1000cc motorcycle powerplants. The cockpit is roomy and simple, incorporating a paddle shifter and clutch assembly that is mounted on, and turns with, the steering wheel. The cockpit also includes an adjustable headrest, adjustable pedal assembly, and 6-point harness. The ZD01 chassis features many elegant mechanical solutions such as cast stainless steel uprights and Formula One style centerlock hubs. The ZD01 chassis also features a triangulated steel tube frame optimized for stiffness and weight. For more information on the ZD01 and the Zilker Vehicle Technology services, visit [www.zilkervehicle.com](http://www.zilkervehicle.com).



Pictures of the ZD01 courtesy of Zilker Vehicle Technology, LLC

## Solo News

Thirty-one members of LSR ventured north to Texas Motor Speedway to participate in the SCCA's Ft. Worth Texas National Tour the weekend of May 3-4, 2008. Hosted by Texas Region on the bus lot at TMS, 223 competitors from around the country gathered to do battle for bragging rights in the State of Texas. When the dust settled, LSR had collected our share of trophies and then some. While the full results can be found on the SCCA website, the LSR trophy winners are:

1st – SS Lance Adams  
1st – SSL Carolyn Slocum  
1st – STS2 Andy Hollis  
1st – STU Vitek Boruvka  
1st – CSP Monica Harrison  
1st – EP Rich Windberg  
1st – FP Tom Holt  
1st – SM2 Erik Strelnieks  
2nd – SSL Iven Dudley  
2nd – AS Drew VanderPloeg  
2nd – CS Chris Williams  
2nd – DP Ian Marshall  
2nd – SM2 Michael Wootton  
3rd – BS Eric Jones  
3rd – FS Kent Kroll  
3rd – STU John Hale  
3rd – SM2 Stanford Curry  
6th – SS Troy Dudley

Next up on the Solo schedule is Round 2 of the SOWDIV Divisional Series at the Cooper Tire and Vehicle Test Center in Pearsall hosted by your own Lone Star Region and Texas Spokes Sports Car Club the weekend of June 7-8, 2008.

## *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.



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

- May 1-25 — LSR BoD nominations open
- May 24-25 — LSR Grand Prix Regional/National races, TWS
- Jun 4 — LSR BoD monthly meeting, Athena Manufacturing
- Jun 7-8 — LSR Solo Divisional, TVTC, Pearsall, TX
- Jun 11 — LSR Annual meeting/elections, Oasis, Lake Travis
- July 2 — LSR BoD monthly meeting, Athena Manufacturing
- July 19 — SOWDIV planning meeting