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GO PRO

The 24 Hours of Daytona may not be an SCCA event, but SCCA members are involved in all aspects of this professional racing spectacle. From hearty workers (ABOVE) to racers like Dillon Machavern and Robby Foley (RIGHT) to Eric Curran (TOP), SCCA's influence is felt in all aspects of the infamous endurance race.

DATE Jan. 26-27, 2019

LOCATION Daytona International Speedway, Fla. WHAT 24 Hours of Daytona

PHOTOGRAPHER Dave Green







WET AND WILD

The 2019 Summit Road Racing season got off to a wet start with rain relentlessly pounding a number of the U.S. Majors and Hoosier Super Tour weekends.

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PICTURE THIS!

magine being in a room where more than 300 members from all walks of life and geographical areas of the SCCA worked together collaboratively in service of designing our collective future for the Club's next 75 years. Well, we did this very thing recently at the 2019 SCCA National Convention in a session where attendees defined what they believed to be most important in growing the SCCA going forward. I shared one of many comments that significantly impacted me in



last month's column, but for those of you who were not able to attend this year's Leadership Conference, the word cloud to the left was created to provide a visual summary of the feedback captured from those in attendance. Note that the larger the word or theme, the more often it appeared in attendees' responses, with like themes being displayed in like colors.

(Quick aside: a special thanks to Kristen Poole from #teamsusquatch (i.e., the Susquehanna Region) for sorting data and pulling this word graphic together

in record time so it could be shared as part of our closing ceremony at the Hall of Fame Banquet during the Convention on the Saturday night.) But there was a homework assignment tied to the "let's define our why" session exercise, which included participants posting a picture to the National Convention app that brought their respective belief statement to life. With that in mind, I have a homework assignment for anyone in our Club who is willing to take five minutes out of their busy schedule and contribute to the future of our Club. It's an easy assignment where everyone gets an A! Here's all you need to do:



• Write down *what you believe* makes being a part of the SCCA worthwhile: Make it simple. Make it short. And make it something that can be observed by others (like the example above).

• Next, find or take a picture that brings your belief statement to life. Use your phone, your camera, or an image from your photo files, and keep it SCCA related (you'll find my example to the left).

• The final step: send your image and belief statement to: scca75@scca.com.

We will be using every picture we receive as part of a larger 75th Diamond Anniversary commemorative project which will be shared with you in the pages of *SportsCar* later this year.

Until then, here's to having much #funwithcars together, making 2019 the best year of our "second 75" while bringing all the experiences from your pictures to life! •



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GT-3 CHALLENGE, ROUND 2

Mazda and MPI Innovations are boosting SCCA GT-3 class competition with the GT-3 Challenge series, taking place at four SCCA events through the year and offering competitors decreased entry fees and increased payouts. The series kicked off in November 2018 at the ARRC at Road Atlanta. Round two will take place at the VIR Super Tour on April 12-14. Registration for the GT-3 Challenge simply involves entering the GT-3 class for the VIR weekend.



IT'S A GREEN FLAG FOR SUMMIT RACING AND SCCA

ong before Summit Racing Equipment became the title sponsor of the SCCA Road Racing program, it was a valued contingency sponsor for all National-level road racers - making it one of the few contingency partners that had the ability to help every road-racing competitor. "Summit Racing Equipment has supported SCCA racers with a great contingency program for years, and we're excited to expand that relationship," Eric Prill, SCCA Vice President and COO, noted in 2017 when Summit Racing expanded its partnership

with the SCCA to include title sponsorship of the entire SCCA Road Racing program. "From parts to tools and safety gear, Summit is a great source for almost anything an SCCA racer needs."

With more than 40 years in the marketplace, Summit Racing has the technical expertise and the suppliers to help racers get their projects headed in the right direction. With a massive catalog of performance parts, tools, and safety equipment, there's little that can't be found for your racecar, daily driver, or tow rig. Here's a pro tip for



"With a massive catalog of performance parts, tools, and safety equipment, there's little that can't be found" those searching for hard-to-find parts: Entering a manufacturer's part number in the summitracing. com search window often locates parts that you never thought Summit carried.

Summit Racing Equipment also continues to support U.S. Majors Tour and Hoosier Super Tour racers with an expanded contingency program. In 2019, Summit Racing Equipment will award a \$100 product certificate to winners in all classes, a \$75 product certificate for second place, and a \$50 product certificate to those finishing third.



REGIONAL ROAD TO THE RUNOFFS

In the March edition of *Fastrack*, the Club Racing Board made changes to the Regional Runoffs qualification path, allowing events that take place up to two weeks prior to the winner-take-all championship event to count as a qualifier. For complete Runoffs qualification information, visit www.scca.com/runoffs.



BUYING SPEED Summit Racing

Equipment continues as the title sponsor for the SCCA Road Racing program in 2019, and offers the parts you need to aet out front.



GOING DEEP Falken has restructured its contingency offering for 2019 and will now offer payments much deeper into the field.

FALKEN CONTINGENCY PAYS DEEPER FOR SSC

The SCCA has announced that the Falken Azenis RT615K+ will continue to be the spec tire for the Solo Spec Coupe (SSC) class for 2019. The big news, however, is not just that Falken is back as the spec tire, but the way the tire manufacturer is restructuring its contingency program for all of the National level SCCA competitors in SSC.

For 2019, Falken is introducing a new and innovative plan to pay deeper into the SSC, SSCL, and L4 fields, to support a larger percentage of the drivers competing on the brand's tires.

In an effort to affect more competitors, Falken is now paying to fifth place for all National Championship Tours, ProSolos, and for the ProSolo Championship itself, while paying all the way to 15th place for the 2019 Tire Rack Solo National Championships. This new approach takes what is already an affordable class to compete in and offers competitors an even better chance of offsetting the costs with their results.

"Falken is excited to be a part of the Solo Spec Coupe class again for 2019," says Jonathon Bradford, Motorsports and Events Manager for Falken Tire. "With the relatively low barrier of entry and the competitive nature of the class, it serves as the perfect platform to align the brand with the SCCA to promote our Azenis RT615k+ tires. We believe the restructured contingency will benefit all competitors as SSC continues to grow in numbers allowing more individuals an opportunity to reach the payouts."

Additionally, Summit Racing is offering an extra perk to SCCA members as a thank you for renewing their Club membership. When you renew, you'll receive a packet full of useful savings from SCCA partners, including a special deal of \$25 off an order of \$250 or more at summitracing.com.

For more information about Summit Racing Equipment, visit www.summitracing.com, and to register for the Summit Racing Equipment SCCA Road Racing contingency program, visit www. scca.com/roadracing and click the "Contingency" link. •

DIRTFISH RALLYCROSS GOES ON TOUR

The 2019 DirtFish RallyCross National Tour brings the excitement of the RallyCross National Championship on the road, allowing competitors across the nation to experience championshipcaliber RallyCross events and competition closer to home.

In total, three events are planned for this year's DirtFish RallyCross National Tour. The season opens in May at Utah Motorsports Campus in Erda, followed by a June visit to Chillicothe, Ohio, and the Ross County Fairgrounds. The third and final RallyCross National Tour takes place at Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, Mo.

In addition to allowing competitors to test the National water, these events are also a great opportunity to tune up for the winner-take-all DirtFish RallyCross National Championship, which returns to the National Balloon Classic grounds in Indianola, Iowa, on Sept. 20-22.



WANDER THE EARTH National RallyCross hits the road.



SUPER STREET E-SHOCKS

At the 2019 SCCA National Convention, the Solo Events Board received approval from the National Board of Directors for the replacement of electronic shocks in Super Street. The approved wording can be found in the March issue of Fastrack, or Section 13 of the Solo Rules at www.scca.com/solo.





CHECKERED FLAG: DR. ROBERT HUBBARD

n Feb. 5, 2019, the motorsports community lost a key member of the community who battled to make racing safer. A retired professor of biomechanical engineering at Michigan State University, Dr. Robert Hubbard had extensive experience and standout credentials as a biomechanical crash engineer. His efforts included work with General Motors' automotive safety program that resulted in significant, far-reaching results to improve vehicle occupant safety.

In the world of motorsports, Dr. Hubbard is recognized as co-creator of the HANS device alongside brotherin-law and longtime SCCA racer Jim Downing. After the on-track death of a friend, Dr. Hubbard and Downing initiated research on a Head and Neck Support (HANS) system that would afford protection for a driver and otherwise help prevent injuries associated with sudden stops and violent head movements.

Today, most major auto racing sanctioning bodies mandate the use of head and neck restraints. And, in 2014, Dr. Hubbard and Downing were inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame.

The racing community is forever indebted to Dr. Hubbard and his work, which saved the lives of uncountable racecar drivers.



PLAN AHEAD A number of changes are already in the works for the 2019 Tire Rack Solo National Championships. You can keep abreast of the latest news by monitoring SoloMatters.

SOLO NATIONALS PLANNING UNDERWAY

n the "wake" of the recordsetting 2018 Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships, the SCCA National staff and Solo Events Board have come together to not only address some issues encountered at past Solo Nationals, but also begin renovating the look and feel of the event by defining what Solo Nationals should be.

With a focus on the future and knowledge from the past, the staff and SEB will begin to implement new procedures and policies, realign and redefine roles and responsibilities, and adjust the event as a whole in an effort to provide the best

experience for all participants and attendees of the 2019 Solo Nationals and beyond.

In an effort to keep the Club's members up to speed on said renovations, a special section in the SoloMatters e-newsletter will be introduced, called "News on Nationals." The purpose of this feature is to communicate any changes or adjustments to Solo Nationals, as well as provide insight into the reasoning.

The first change to come out of this initiative is an entry cap of 1,325 for the 2019 event. This cap should allow for nearly two hours of contingency time for any delays from weather,

car breakage, course surface issues, and so on. This will also help mitigate any unforeseen class popularity variances from past years. In addition, class participation will be studied throughout the year to ensure run-group size equality at the Solo National Championships.

Registration will also undergo a change, breaking into two parts. Tier 1 will open in mid-June for 2018 class winners and second-place finishers (when a trophy was awarded), plus 2019 Nationals Chiefs, plus 100 Percenters. Tier 2 will open a week later for all other members. •

SCCA VENTURES BOARD REORG

n 2017, SCCA Enterprises and SCCA Pro Racing were merged into one subsidiary entity named SCCA Ventures Inc., which is overseen by a corporate board. The move created a more structured oversight and reporting process for the for-profit arms of the SCCA and provides a number of

administrative advantages for the businesses. For 2019, the Ventures board of directors is seeing some adjustments.

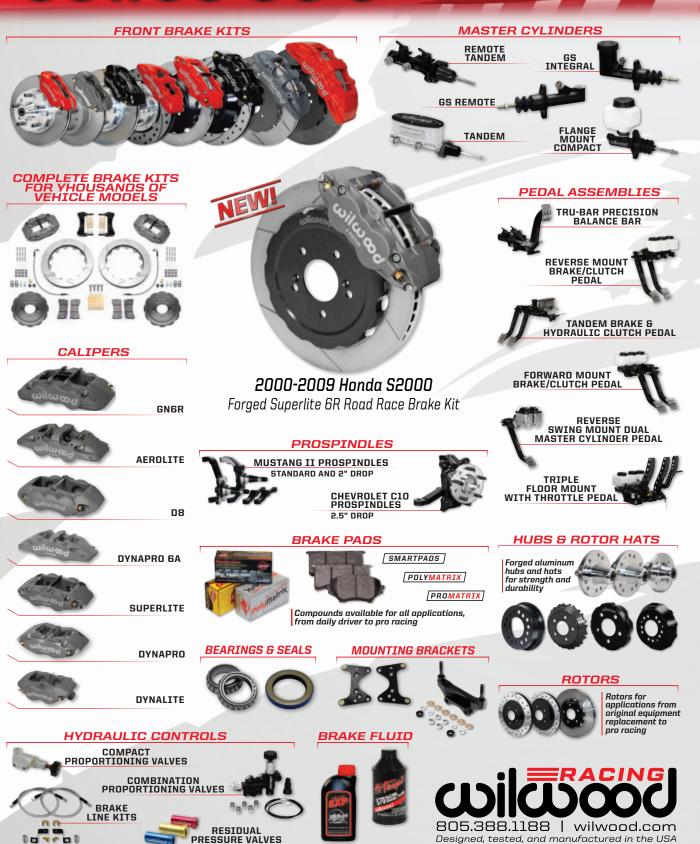
Peter Jankovskis has been named the chairman of the Ventures board, with Sydney Davis Yagel, the new General Manager of SCCA Pro Racing, being added to the Ventures board. Dan Helman,

meanwhile, has stepped down as Ventures chairman to better focus on his role as SCCA Pro Racing's interim president.

Other Ventures board members for 2019 include John Walsh, SCCA's senior finance employee Mindi Pfannenstiel, SCCA Enterprises President Robey Clark, and secretary K.J. Christopher.

Image: Secretary K.J. Christopher.

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REGISTER NOW: CAM CHALLENGE

Register now for the Tire Rack CAM Challenge events taking place March 21-23 at zMAX Dragway in North Carolina and April 12-14 at Grenada Municipal Airport in Mississippi. These are the first of seven point-scoring events that determined Overall CAM Challenge Series Champion.





F4 IS SET FOR A STRONG 2019 SEASON

n 2018, Formula 4 United States Championship Powered by Honda maintained the largest F4 field in the world, averaging 31 Ligier JS F4 cars for the 17-race season. With teams like Alliance Racing, DEForce Racing, and Jay Howard Driver Development all expanding their F4 efforts for 2019, and the Formula Pro USA F4 West Coast filtering in new drivers, the field for the F4 season opener at Road Atlanta on April 18-20 is on

track to surpass last year's record-breaking season.

"The excitement from our great 2018 season has carried over to 2019," says SCCA Pro Racing General Manager Sydney Davis Yagel. "We are looking at topping our 2018 end-of-season projections. With a championship scholarship that's valued at \$230,000 to progress into F3 Americas and the potential to earn FIA Super License Points, it's no surprise we've sold over 70 cars on both the east and west coasts."

The burgeoning F4 U.S. field will visit six prestigious road courses across the United States this year, supporting premier championships like F3 Americas, NASCAR Xfinity Series and Formula 1. The top-seven drivers in the overall championship earn FIA Super License Points to advance their racing careers.

For more information on the F4 U.S. teams. drivers. or the championship, visit F4USChampionship.com. 0

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST

For complete details on the SCCA Membership Drive Contest, log in to ams.scca.com and look under "Forms."

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE REFERRAL LEADERS FOR JANUARY 2019

NAME	REF	REGION
Brian Ghidinelli	6	San Francisco
Warren Leach	6	San Diego
Sharon Priep	4	Central Florida
David Dreezer	3	South Carolina
Nan Mendas	3	San Francisco
Alan Tang	3	Cal Club
Marco Vazquez	3	San Diego
Robert Beers	2	Susquehanna
Daniel Hutchinson	2	Detroit
Kenny Lee	2	Buccaneer
David Lehrschall	2	Southern Indiana

211 additional members have at least one referral

REGION LEADERS (Category based on 2018 year-end membership)		
REGION	GROWTH	
JUMBO REGIONS (800+):		
Atlanta	2.7%	
Texas	1.7%	
Northwest	1.6%	
LARGE REGIONS (401-799):		
San Diego	3.1%	
Buccaneer	3.7%	
Cincinnati	2.0%	
MEDIUM REGIONS (200-400):		
Arizona	2.9%	
South Carolina	2.4%	
Kansas	1.9%	
SMALL REGIONS (<200):		
Blue Ridge	11.1%	
Pan American	10.6%	
Montana	7.0%	

A TRANS AM EVOLUTION

he Trans Am presented by Pirelli Series has revealed new class names for its growing production-based classes. The SuperGT Class (SGT), formerly TA3, and the GT Class, formerly TA4, are now aligned namewise with other "GT" series and classes in North America.

As the SCCA Pro Racingsanctioned Trans Am Series has spoken to potential competitors, it has become apparent that not everyone is aware that the Trans Am Series now includes productionbased classes where they are able to race their "GT" cars.

"We've updated the names for the GT and SuperGT classes to better reflect the kinds of cars that are competing in them," says John Claggett, Trans Am Race Company President.

The GT Class uses the SRO GT4 cars and Balance of Performance as its baseline. The GT4 cars are factory-built racecars, but they are limitedpreparation, using a lot of OEM production parts, and using limited bolt-on aerodynamic parts. For non-GT4 cars, the rules allow significant freedom to make cars prepared for other series competitive



in the class with reasonable build and preparation costs.

The SuperGT Class uses the Porsche 991.1 GT3 Cup Car with OEM mechanicals, and ABS added, as the performance baseline due to its level of testing and development, availability, and operational costs. This class has a higher performance potential and has the most freedom within the rules for innovation.



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COACHING THE NEW GUY

As my racing career oozes into old age, I find my self more and more in the position of coach. I now find myself working at length with a 19-year-old novice, and the experience challenges me to take myself back to my beginning. What did I know and understand about driving when I first started? Answer: Absolutely nothing.

Wait. Not true. My generous dad had gotten my brother and I mini-bikes, though we rarely had a place to ride them, and then

"I relished these motorized experiences above all else that didn't involve the opposite sex"

> progressed to snowmobiles in Upstate New York when he got back from Vietnam. I relished these motorized experiences above all else that didn't involve the opposite sex (which didn't involve much beyond embarrassment and frustration).

In Florida, at age 15, one could prowl the public roads on a motorcycle with under 5hp. My giving dad once again supplied the petrol-powered conveyance, and a bike magazine presented an article on the Grands Prix style of riding. So, I did read about the racing line and revmatching downshifts at the tender age of 14. And I got it, sort of.

Enter my own wide-eyed new client, and a generous grandfather. Several in the family have the passion for track events, and all drive well-prepped modern sports cars with rev-matching automatic shift, anti-lock brakes, and traction and stability control. With all these electronic assists in play, this group participates in a new world of on-track recreation that allows great speed and low risk, and, in fact, lower skill; a new paradigm. This world covers most mistakes. It allows for learning in an environment of safety I never had in my early years - or ever, for that matter, until testing the Best Driver's Cars for Motor Trend.

So, how to proceed? I talk endlessly about "your primary job as a driver: weight management" (thank you, Terry Earwood and Skip Barber). I see the primary job of the *instructor* as one of survival for the student, which means mostly not crashing during these early learning moments. Repetition. Rote. Drilling it in. All my training is focused on developing the right subconscious reactions for that moment when that wonderful, comfortable, safety net is pulled from beneath the highwire tightrope walk of high-speed cornering on the race circuits we know and love. Because, until the computer drivers are turned off, the human is not truly learning to drive.

With all the speed available to a brave, inexperienced, enthusiastic but ignorant young driver with all the assists on, I find myself rushing to keep up with the critical lessons of keeping a car on track. "We got saved there," I blurt, and "*That* would have been a big one."

I know that it's far safer for we instructors to sit in a classroom and talk, but there's nothing like the feeling of the moment in the car, shared. The *learning* moments.

Most frequent commandments:

Leave the weight forward until you *know* you're gonna make the apex.

- A little power transfers weight back, makes the car more stable.
- A little power is
- your friend.

Don't snap off the throttle!

Don't snap off the throttle after the apex!

Small changes with pedals make a *big* difference when cornering.



Tires cannot do a lot of two things at once.

The throttle is for *leaving* a corner, not entering a corner.

The pedals and steering are opposites.

J Apex late.

So tough to cram it in while driving. I'd never do this without the controls. There would be far less speed on track. Maybe I wouldn't even get in the passenger seat. I have great respect for those who instruct, and we must forgive our students, for they know not what they do.

I remember an on-track moment, over a crest, in the wet, big lift. "Don't lift over a crest!" Was I harsh? Next lap: Exact same thing. "Arrgh! Don't lift over a crest! Pit. Pit now." Time for a come-to-Jesus learning moment:

Mahstah: "So, when you lift off the gas, where does the weight go?"

Grasshoppah: "Forward." Mahstah: "Excellent. So, what happens in back?"

Grasshoppah: "It gets light." Mahstah: "Correct.

Then what's next?" Grasshoppah: "I probably crash?" Mahstah: "Gold star."

(Ancient TV reference: Kung Fu). We are on pit lane talking about this, because it's that important, and because we must get this into the subconscious. Thinking is too slow. It must become instinct. Instant instinct. The driver must develop a new instinct that overcomes that of fear. Our natural survival reactions are no longer valid when driving a car at the limit. Sometimes when we are scared, slowing down immediately is the worst thing we can do. Why? See commandments two through seven.

We drive literally for hours together on several track days, and I watch as the instinct develops, but the lessons are muted by the stability controls. My fear remains. Will Grasshoppah have the instincts when the safety button is turned off?

So, where do we turn? To my roots. To the safety of that exercise in total car control and precision. Autocross. Wax on, wax off (See: Karate Kid). Here is another world. One of another kind of safety net: space. Room. Cushion. Cones not walls. And times. Immediate feedback on what's fast and what's slow. And looking ahead. And thinking ahead. And the resulting patience on the throttle.

And to its sibling: skidpad. Correct - pause - recover. Here's the "I remember an on-track moment over a crest, in the wet, big lift. 'Don't lift over a crest!'"

instinct that can save the driver if the weight transfer instinct fails to respond. It's the last line of defense of control. The Mahstah wants to take it slow, but the Grasshoppah is here to go fast. Crawl before you walk. Skidpad and autocross.

Mahstah: "If in trouble, catch it with your hands, the steering, only. Stay away from the pedals."

Grasshoppah: "But what about, 'Power out of trouble, gas it?'"

Mahstah: "Power when in trouble will only make you crash faster."

And the grand finale, "If you spin, both feet in." Terry and Skip again. Or in this modern world of automatics; "Brake, brake, brake! Brake and hold until you stop." If you lose control, don't know where the car is going next, too sideways or backward, jam the brakes.

Coaching. No guarantees, but all sharing of the love of the feeling of high-performance driving and leading the Grasshoppahs on the pathway to becoming the next Great Holders of the Steering Wheel. •

AT THE LIMIT

Whether you're new to performance driving or you're a very experienced road racer (ABOVE), driving on the edge is tricky.

Jonathan Lugod never set out to be a multi-time Solo National Champion, suspension setup savant, and differential guru, but here he is

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

..... hese tabbed ones are locked into the differential case itself, and the others are driven by the side gear," Jonathan Lugod explains right before he grabs a handful of small metal discs that are scattered across the workbench - discs that somewhat resemble disc brakes from a mountain bike - and begins to slide them into a differential housing with blinding speed. I, meanwhile, am completely confused. Jonathan then shows me a piece of metal that will eventually sit in the center of the differential and contains something called negative preload springs. "When additional lock happens, this spreads out, puts pressure on the first disc, and applies it outward to create the lock," he says, although I only comprehend a fraction of what he's saying. "The more gear-driven discs that are separated by these tabbed discs, the more friction you have," he says. He seems to be done with the description, so I nod like I understand.



FEATURE



The limited slip differential in Jonathan's hands is an OS Giken unit, and we're standing in OS Giken USA's main shipping bay in Torrance, Calif. Jonathan has a disassembled differential and various other parts on the table before us, and I secretly suspect he knows I don't know what any of the parts are.

"The cone springs always point toward the pressure ring," he says, then adds layman talk so I better understand. "It's kind of like earmuffs," he says. Ah, I know what earmuffs are.

"We have the side gear, and then we have our clutch rings," he says, pointing to the mountain bike disc brakes that apparently aren't from a mountain bike. "This diff setup already has one set of rings disengaged. If I were to disengage even more, I just work myself to the center." He flips a few wavy center discs together and sandwiches them between a pair of tabbed discs. "Now we just went from six pairs to five pairs," he says. Seeing Jonathan shuffle differential internals is akin to watching a street magician wielding a deck of cards. There's grace and precision, and a level of comfort that comes with time and experience. And, just like with a street magician, I'm not keeping up. I'm a rube.

"I've tuned more than 1,000 diffs in the last three years," he says, probably attempting to make me feel better about my inability to grasp the concept. "There's a lot of moving plates in there, and this is why we don't encourage the end user to play with them - it's something I specialize in. I've rebuilt diffs for cars I've tuned and driven myself, so I have a lot of personal experience on what to expect in terms of behavior, and I can also anticipate for newer cars coming out."

Jonathan has been working for OS Giken since the summer of 2014, doing everything from sales to diff rebuilds to customer racecar setup troubleshooting.

"I've always liked cars... but it wasn't until that moment that I was really into cars" **JONATHAN LUGOD**

Prior to that, he was an automotive mechanic who worked his way into the tuner world, but go back even further and you'll find he was a kid following his older brother down the automotive enthusiast rabbit hole.

"My brother was one of those early 2000 tuner guys," he explains. "He had a Honda Civic and he did minor mods like an exhaust and some cosmetic stuff. He would get magazines like *Super Street* and hand them down to me. I've always liked cars since I was little, but it wasn't until that moment that I was really into cars."

A handful of years later, roughly 2002, Jonathan got his driver's permit and his first car. "I was excited to drive cars," he says. "Driving for me was always about getting away."

The look on Jonathan's face at this point in his story was one of excitement and sadness, and I really didn't know what to expect next in his story. Then it came - although the consequences were not as bad as I'd feared.

"Two months after getting the car, I crashed it into a pole," he says. "I was drifting. So, yeah, I was a pretty irresponsible teenager. I had three other friends in the car with me. We were heading up to a corner and my friend was egging me on to slide the corner - it wasn't really called drifting at the time. So, I tried what I thought was something you do to slide in the corner.

"Later on, I learned what I did was a Scandinavian flick," he says, pointing out the problem he soon encountered. "But I didn't know how to counter steer and I ended up crashing into a manure pile that was up against an electrical pole."





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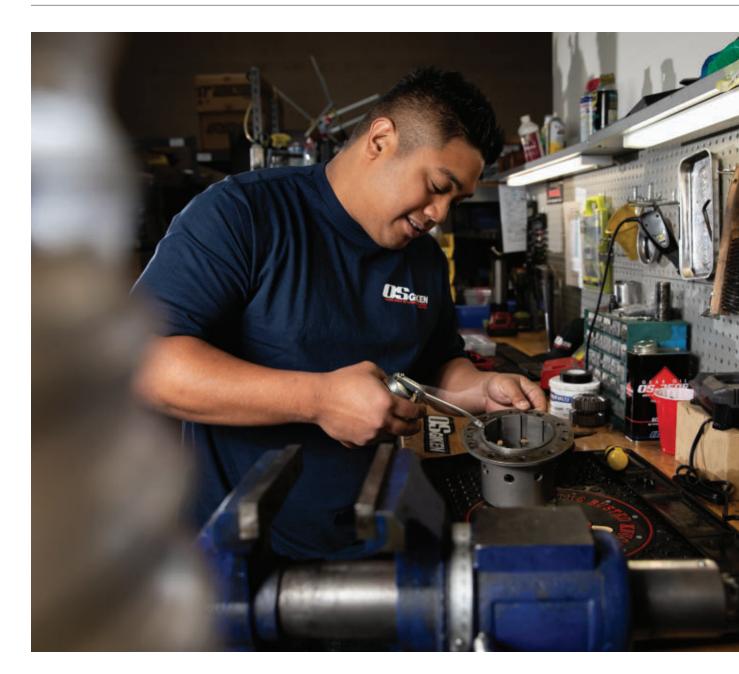




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The result was a totaled car and a suspended license. "I didn't drive for another two years," he adds.

Back behind the wheel, Jonathan found himself in a series of Honda Civics - and he discovered that old habits die hard. "I was using my car to drive from point A to point B, but my friends were into driving the canyons, which in Oceanside was Palmer Mountain.

"Basically, we were just driving up and down the mountain, and I had no clue what I was doing," he admits. "I was just following them and doing that every weekend until one of my friends invited me to an autocross."

Jonathan's current list of autocross achievements is breathtaking. His first trip to the Tire Rack Solo National Championships in 2011 netted him a third-place finish in ST and the Solo Rookie of the Year award. The following year he won STR, he trophied the next four years, won

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the STX National Championship and the Solo Triad in 2017, and last year he claimed the STR National Championship and was awarded the Solo Driver of the Year award. So, what were his thoughts about his very first autocross in 2006? "I hated it," he laughs. "I hated the work and I hated that my friend beat me. I didn't autocross again for another six months."

But he did return, and this time with a goal. "I wanted to beat my friend," he says. "It took four or five events to beat him - I progressively got there. Then I wanted to beat the next person."

But it wasn't until '07 before Jonathan began autocrossing



regularly, and from there it wasn't long before the competition bug truly bit. "I really wanted to be in a competitive class," he says, "and it was then that I met Leslie Cohen in San Diego. She had an STS-prepared Civic Si. I rode with her, and she scared the hell out of me. But I felt what the car was doing, and I was really intrigued by it. It was a lot of grip and fairly low horsepower - you could floor it everywhere, and it was at that point that I decided

PIECING IT TOGETHER

(LEFT) Jonathan's work bench sees ample use, with him custom-tuning differentials on a daily basis. (BELOW, from TOP to BOTTOM) The OS Giken diff uses a variety of plates to add or reduce lock-up. At the heart of the diff is a geared unit housing a series of springs that helps tune the personality of the differential. OS Giken also produces clutches, with this unit being a custom setup for a Dakar Rally team.

to sell my brother's Civic and go find a '91 Civic. So that's what I did, and that was my first competitive autocross car. I owned that from 2007 until 2011." Interestingly, the thrill of

competition has not necessarily been what has driven Jonathan to autocross. Rather, it's the engineering behind it. "Being in Street Touring for a while, there was a lot of shared feedback and tuning aspects," he explains. "There was back and forth information between my friends Jason Flores and Jeff Wong. Those were pretty good years of learning about the car, learning what the parts do, and figuring out how to adjust them. It evolved from there. Things were very rudimentary in the beginning. It was how to adjust shocks, how to do the alignment properly, then figuring out how to do stuff on your own. For example, corner balancing led to learning how to align the car."

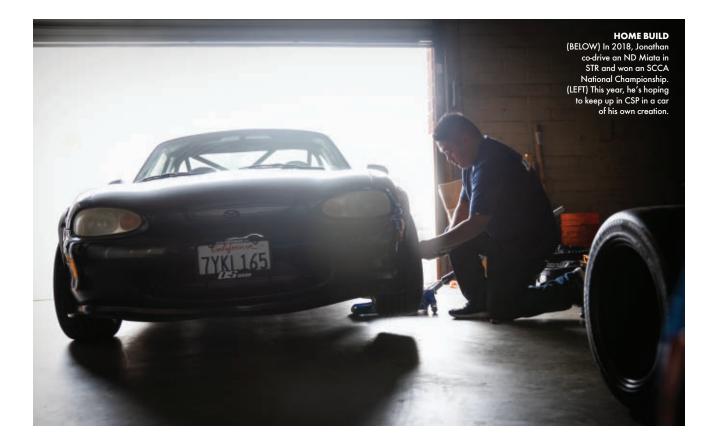
None of this was completely new to Jonathan as he's always been mechanically inclined - to the point that it directed his education. "I went to school to be a mechanic," he says. "I went to Universal Technical Institute in Rancho Cucamonga to be a technician. When I graduated, I started working at Mossy Nissan Oceanside where I was an oil tech, and then I moved up to junior tech. I was becoming a master tech pretty early, and then I was asked to be a service advisor because of my knowledge of cars and my ability to communicate well. Everything kind of just evolved into the next thing when it came to cars."

That evolution eventually led to the aftermarket world where he landed a job at OS Giken USA.









But through this professional advancement, he also kept to a tight budget, learning how to rebuild parts himself, and sharing as many costs as possible. "You used to be able to run a car in multiple Street Touring classes," Jonathan explains of his budgetminded 2011 Solo National Championships journey. "It was myself and my co-driver in ST, I had two friends running the car in STX, and I had one other friend running it in STU."

Oddly, it worked out - that year he finished third in ST and clinched the Solo Rookie of the Year honors. And it's that budgetfriendly attitude he still keeps in his motorsports life. Obviously, he can rebuild his own differential, but he goes so far as to re-valve his own shocks. This year he's committing to running a CSP Miata he's building on a budget. But there's more.

Apparently, working at OS Giken has its perks, and earlier this year he took his boss' car - a bright blue ND Miata - to a competitive track event at nearby



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Willow Springs International Raceway. In fact, it was the same car we leaned against for much of our conversation.

"I've always wanted to go to the track, and I've always wanted to go road racing, but financially it's not a good option for me right now," he says. "However, this year we got invited to an event called Grid Life Track Battle. It was the first West Coast Grid Life and we placed second in the street class. "In April, there's the Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials National Tour at Thunder Hill Raceway Park," he says, noting that he's run various non-competitive track days through the years with his friends. "We think the SCCA Time Trials National Tour is a good opportunity to get the OS Giken name out there. But I have no idea how it'll go - I know the track layout pretty well, so it could be good in terms of results and for brand exposure."

In fact, track days are something Jonathan sees his company becoming more involved with. "We're going to see a lot more track day organizations and organized time attack events," he says as he grabs the next item on the workbench to continue the technical aspect of conversation.

"For clutches," he says, holding up a fancy, gold-colored multiplate clutch assembly, "we have singles, doubles, triples, and quads, and in varying sizes." I'd like to say I completely understood the rest of the conversation, but we all know I'd be lying. •

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

"The way OS Giken started is our CEO raced European cars in Japan, but he wanted to race the Fairlady Z," Jonathan Lugod explains to me as he disassembles a custom multi-plate OS Giken clutch on his shop bench. "But, you see, he wasn't happy with the amount of power the Fairlady was creating, so he decided to make his own twin-cam, cross-flow cylinder head. When he was done with the cylinder head, the car was making double what everyone else in the class was making.

"In the midst of making the engine, he ran into slippage in the clutch because in the 1970s and early '80s there were no multiplate clutches in Japan. So, he designed the first multi-plate clutch in Japan. But once the clutches would hold, he started breaking gears, so he started making gears. Then once the gears could hold, the diff couldn't hold, so he started making diffs. So, we became a whole powertrain company based off that one engine."



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omputer-simulated racing is the fastest growing segment of the motorsports world and, for the most part, it's catching traditional racers by surprise. For about the price of an SCCA Summit Road Racing weekend, anyone can purchase a functional setup for their home and join iRacing. Once

they have demonstrated basic skills, drivers can enter multiplayer races and compete against others, win real money, and gain fame in the sim racing world. It's just like racing, but without cars.

Indeed, race simulators used to be for the elite, but now it's an everyman's game. Earlier this year, SCCA announced its

involvement with iRacing to form a virtual SCCA racing league using Spec Racer Fords, and it's been well covered in this magazine that the SportsCar staff uses race simulators to prep for the Runoffs. Then there's the story of Bryan Heitkotter, who had scored multiple Solo National Championships,

but used a Gran Tourismo online competition to launch into professional racing.

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Automotive manufacturers also see the connection between the two worlds and, in 2018, Mazda Motorsports, in conjunction with iRacing, brought their simulated and real-world racing programs closer together



by creating the Mazda Hot Lap Challenge. The idea was to find the best sim racers and give one of them a chance to drive a real Global MX-5 Cup car - a car that fits in SCCA's Touring 3 class.

The rules of the challenge were simple. Anyone with iRacing on their home gaming system could participate in any of seven scheduled time attack competitions set on various tracks, or they could use Mazda's full-scale simulator at the same seven tracks during MX-5 Cup events throughout the year. For 2018, the qualifying tracks were Daytona, Lime Rock, Watkins Glen, Road America, Gateway, Laguna Seca, and Road Atlanta. The fastest of the year's time attack players and the fastest among the at-track competitors were invited to a shootout at this year's Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona. Mazda set up two simulators in the paddock and each driver got 30 minutes to lay down the hottest lap in a simulated Global MX-5 Cup car.

SIM SPEED

When you have a reset button and pretty much no chance of getting hurt, it's easy to go fast. But the lack of repercussions doesn't mean sim racing is any less serious, with some competitors going after six-figure prize funds, and even pro rides in real cars.

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REAL WORLD VS. SIM SPEED

The finalists in Mazda's competition were Charles Mayer from Granby, Conn., and Logan Clampitt from Orange County, Calif. Mayer is a regular at Lime Rock track days in his Porsche 944, and that's where he set the fast lap on Mazda's simulator. Clampitt qualified from his home system, where he is a leading iRacing competitor.

"Logan is one of our top drivers," says Kevin Bobbitt, Director of Marketing at iRacing. "He's pretty well known in our world. He races in our highest-level NASCAR series, which has a \$100,000 prize pool at the end of the year."

Clampitt decided to make the Hot Lap Challenge part of his racing program for the year. "I practiced quite a bit for the online race," Clampitt says. "I got the pole in that, which was awesome, and it helped me a lot. After I won, I turned a few laps [of Daytona] once or twice a week just to get a feel for it. I think that really helped."

There, Clampitt easily won the shootout with a best time of 2:14.827; about five seconds faster than Mayer's best time. The prize is a test day at VIRginia International Raceway in a fully equipped Global MX-5 Cup car.

"Racing has been an aspiration of mine since I was just a little kid," Clampitt says. "I got onto iRacing and I've been on there for six years, but that's been the goal the whole entire time."







THE CHALLENGE

(ABOVE) From extra practice time to learning a new track, many professional racers rely on sims to get up to speed quickly and affordably. For Mazda's team of racers, sim time was essential in their successes at this year's Rolex 24. (FAR LEFT) Logan Clampitt won the Mazda Hot Lap Challenge over Charles Mayer (LEFT), and will get to test a Global MX-5 Cup car at VIR.

"I found a little technique on iRacing with braking in the horseshoes that I apply here" TRISTAN NUNEZ

ON THE PRO LEVEL

For an aspiring driver, using simhoned skills to win a test day in a real racecar is a dream come true, but at the highest levels of racing, professional drivers use simulators rather differently.

"I have an iRacing rig at home," says Mazda Team Joest driver and past SCCA member Tristan Nunez. "I'm not as talented as some of the sim racers. It's crazy how fast those guys are. I use it for extra seat time before a race, like just before coming to Daytona. The more seat time you get, the more comfortable you get experimenting with different lines."

Pro series often limit the amount of practice a driver can run on a given track. For an event like the Rolex 24, there's also the reality that available practice time has to be shared among several drivers.

"I found a little technique on iRacing with braking in the horseshoes that I apply here," Nunez says. "Really, I use iRacing for that extra seat time that you can't always get in the pro division. We only have a couple practice sessions. When you're running four drivers in a car, there's really no time to get everyone through."

Another benefit of a simulator is that you can change the time of day at will, to practice running with the sun in different positions, or at night.

"We practice night racing at certain tracks like Daytona and Sebring, especially," Nunez reveals. "Sebring's even more crucial because there's no lights there. At Daytona, we have the stadium lights, so it's not as dark as some of the other races we go to, but Petit at Road Atlanta and Sebring, those are the two darkest ones we go to. Being able to run in the night, for hours and hours as much as you want, is crucial for finding reference points and just getting your visuals right for when it comes down to the real thing."

Sometimes the simulator also works to familiarize a driver with a new track. "Last year



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TUNED UP

(ABOVE) SportsCar's Associate Editor Jason Isley took advantage of some sim time with CXC Simulations before the 2017 Runoffs at Indianapolis and converted that digital experience into a championship. So when the Runoffs moved to Sonoma in 2018, Isley paid a visit to Base51 to better acclimate himself to the track – and it paid off again. (FAR LEFT) Many e-sports racing facilities offer group play, while Base51 also offers a oneon-one coaching experience (LEFT).

was my first year of racing full time in the states," says Joest driver Harry Tincknell. "I knew Daytona, but after that, I'd never been to any other track. So, for me, the simulators are fantastic because they gave me a whole day's worth of running around to learn Road America, Detroit, Long Beach, wherever it may be. And, by the time I finished there, I knew exactly what gear I was going to be in for each corner and exactly what speed I was going to be carrying and the optimum line to take.

"I learned where the pockets were, what curbs I could use, what curbs I couldn't use," Ticknell explains. "I learned where my natural driving style was a bit slower, compared to someone like Jonathan [Bomarito], who is much more experienced. I knew what I needed to do to improve when I got to the track. So, when you turn up, you're just ready to go and you get on with it so much quicker."

INVESTING IN ENGINEERING

Mazda Team Joest uses simulators for engineering development work. They will routinely send their drivers and engineers to use the simulator at Multimatic Motorsports in Toronto, Ontario.

"It's more cost effective to send drivers there to test instead

of flying 80 people [to the track], buying tires and fuel and all that," says John Doonan, Director of Motorsports for Mazda North American Operations. "The other thing is that I can send three or four young drivers up [to Multimatic] and not put a million-dollar racecar at risk. I send them up there and we can gauge their talent instantly."

"We call it the D-I-L machine," Nunez says. "It stands for

YOUR TURN

(BELOW) SCCA will soon have an iRacing league based on the popular Spec Racer Ford. (BOTTOM RIGHT) iRacing's top level NASCAR based series offers \$100,000 in prize money. (BOTTOM LEFT) Assetto Corsa offers an online racing series, featuring numerous racetracks and inclement weather.





And the drivers at Mazda Team Joest have no doubt that simulator training helps them stay on top of their game. "At [the professional] level, everyone's probably doing something on a simulator...it's something that you have to do to keep up," Tincknell says.

"I think in this day and age with the way technology is growing, the track models are getting better, the car physics are getting better," Nunez says. "Everything is just getting more and more realistic. I mean you'll never get the real sense of being in a racecar, but you can definitely hone your skills at being in a car."

So, how does this transfer to the Club level? After all, you don't have Mazda's resources or Multimatic's simulator setup - but if you own a computer, you can affordably sign up for a sim racing account that will help you familiarize yourself with a new track - or racing at night or discovering what suspension tweaks make to a racecar's handling. For those who want a more complete experience, there are sim racing facilities opening up worldwide (*SportsCar's* staff utilized Base51 in Southern California prior to the 2018 Runoffs). Simply put, race simulators are another tool in the toolbox, and an effective one at that. It's also a tool that your competition is probably already using. •

Driver-in-the-Loop. We use it to run through changes that we otherwise might not be able to take a chance on because it's such a big change. The engineers have infinite lists of changes that they run through, and you never know which one's going to stick. They can really just throw the kitchen sink at it, and you just press the reset button if it doesn't work."

Using the simulator, drivers and teams get a baseline setup ready for each race. "Essentially, we are as close to reality as possible in a simulator version of the car," Tincknell notes. "We'll go there before each race and basically treat a simulator as if it's a proper test day. I'll have my performance engineer there, and my data engineer. Probably have someone from the simulator team as well. So, it could be up to five or six people engineering the simulator with me actually in the car. It's a hell of an investment, but we really see gains in it and that's why we continue to invest and keep going forward and pushing on with it."

THE PAYOFF IS REAL

Racing is a business, and the bottom line is that simulator work has to pay off on race day. For Mazda Team Joest, the payoff was real. In qualifying for this year's Rolex event, Olly Jarvis drove the Mazda RT24-P Daytona Prototype around the Daytona circuit faster than any other car in history. Jarvis not only captured the overall pole position, he also broke the all-time course record set by P.J. Jones in the All American Racing Toyota Eagle back in 1993.

"This is the result of all the hard work that's gone in back at the workshop," Jarvis says.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNIT

Old Dominion Region member and Formula Vee racer Megan Gilkes Shoots for the W Series | words & MAIN IMAGE James Kearney

Third-generation racer, Megan Gilkes, from Richmond Hill (just north of Toronto), took some kidding when she came to the States at age 16 to race Formula Vee with the SCCA. Race officials bestowed her with playful nicknames based on her age and petite stature, but she took it in stride, and proceeded to prove herself on the track. Recently turned 18, Megan has an incredible opportunity in the form of the W Series, a groundbreaking female-only European F3 series debuting this year.

The W Series aims to help women build racing careers as professional race drivers with a fully funded, earned seat in the open-wheel series. And series administrators are big names, including such motorsports luminaries as Alex Wurz, David Coulthard, Adrian Newey, and Lyn St. James.

More than 125 women from the world over applied with about half being invited to attend an intense three-day test at the Wacharing in Melk, Austria, in late January 2019. Applicants were subjected to both on-track and off-track judged competitions, from performing on simulators to actual driving, to mock media interviews. Light snow made for tricky conditions as the aspiring racers showed what they could do in both Porsche Caymans and Ford Fiestas.

The quality of the field was high. The 54 women who



AIMING BIG

Megan Gilkes (LEFT) has learned a lot in just a few short years of SCCA Road Racing, as she splits her time between F2000 and Formula Vee (RIGHT). And now she has her sights set on the new W Series (BOTTOM).

competed ranged in age from 17 to 31 years. One driver had already competed at Le Mans and another won an F3 race in Great Britain last year. Yet another was an SCCA member with chops as a team owner and racer in the World Challenge, Shea Holbrook Chorley. But though Megan Gilkes was one of the youngest with less experience compared to many, she stepped up and made the second cut, making her now one of the 28 women who move on to Almeria, Spain, in late March to compete for the top 18 spots, with two alternates. In that shootout, the women will drive the Tatuus F3 car that will be used in the W Series, with a 1.8L four-cylinder turbo motor producing 270hp.

At the heart of W Series' DNA, is the firm belief that women can compete equally with men in motorsport. The aim is not only to provide exciting racing for spectators and viewers on a global scale, but also to equip its drivers with the experience and expertise to advance their motorsports careers. The W Series will run as a support race in all six events of the very popular DTM Series that begins in





May at Hockenheim in Germany and culminates at Brands Hatch in England. A total prize fund of \$1.5 million is available, with a first prize for the W Series champion driver of \$500,000.

Megan has solid racing roots. Her father. Brent, ran karts and formula cars, and his dad, Geoff, won championships with his Mini in England. In 2018, in addition to her Formula Vee racing, Megan got to step into her dad's F2000 Van Diemen and bested his top times at both Mid-Ohio and Mosport. That year, Megan ran select events including SCCA U.S. Majors Tours and the Pro F2000 Series that often co-sanctions events with SCCA Pro Racing. During this racing, she's captured the top step of the podium in the rain and finished fourth in the highly competitive Formula Vee Challenge Cup Series. She was home for the Christmas break but kept busy running test days, including in an SCCA Pro Racing F4 U.S. Championship car with Momentum Motorsports at MSR Houston in Texas. She concluded her break with a second place in Formula Continental

at the 2019 Homestead SCCA U.S. Majors Tour.

All of this comes during a very busy time in her life. She's currently attending Imperial College in London studying aeronautical engineering, and she has completed an internship with the Mercedes F1 team.

"I want to take advantage of the incredible opportunity provided by the W Series and perform to my very best," Megan says. "I know that I am up against some very talented and quite experienced drivers. But, in my heart, I believe I am up to this task. I'm getting better every time I get on track and I relish the challenge the W Series provides. It is a golden opportunity, and I'm going for it."

With the final W Series shootout weeks away, Megan faces a long road to making the final cut, as she will be competing against the likes of Shea Holbrook Chorley and more in the late March shootout. But if we've learned anything from watching Megan both on track and off, it's that you should never underestimate her. •

RUNNING STRONG

When Spec Racer Ford racer John Annis placed his order to convert his second-gen SRF to a Gen3, little did he know he was about to receive landmark engine number 500 WORDS Jason Isley | MAIN IMAGE Crystal Snow

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THE NEXT GEN

(LEFT) John Annis visited SCCA Enterprises in September 2018 to collect his Gen3 SRF motor, which just happened to be the milestone 500th engine. (BELOW) Sebring is Annis' home track, and was the first outing in his updated Gen3 car.



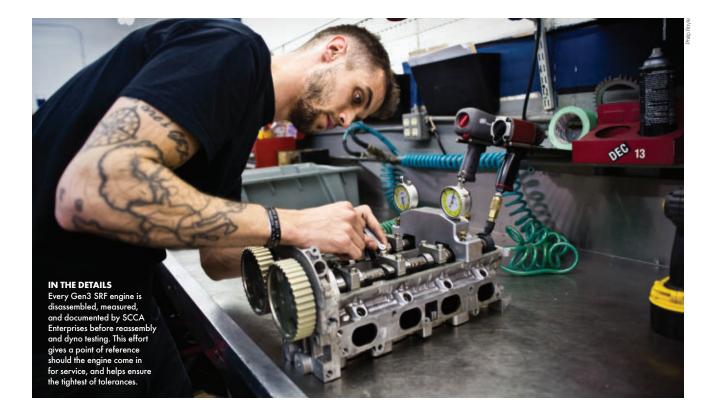
The year was 1989 and John Annis was fresh off his SCCA racing school, and with his competition license firmly in hand, he was ready to race - but he didn't know in which class. "I had just gotten my license at the Skip Barber school," says Annis, who wasn't scared of jumping into racing head first. "I did an IMSA Firehawk race in a Porsche at Tampa, and I was scared to death," he laughs.

Looking for something saner, but just as challenging, Annis discovered the Spec Renault. "I read about it somewhere," he says. "I was at a race at a kart track that I happened to own, and the fellow I eventually bought the car from was there, and he had it in the trailer for some reason. I looked at it and I figured this would probably be great for me because it wasn't open wheel, and it was a spec class, which I really liked."

Like a lot of people, Annis started out on his own, but like many, he quickly discovered you aren't alone at an SCCA event. "The first few races I didn't know anybody; I didn't know "I think the logic was they wanted to beat me on the track, not in the paddock" JOHN ANNIS

any prep shops, so I kind of did it by myself," he explains. "But the type of class Spec Racer is, is very interesting. I was struggling changing brake pads or something and the other guys came over and said, 'Get out of the way, we'll do it for you.' It was really amazing because anything that I needed I had places to turn. I think the logic was they wanted to beat me on the track, not in the paddock. It's a nice group of guys - that's part of the cool thing with SCCA."

While it's typically not to hard to find someone willing to lend a hand at the track, Annis decided it was time to get some regular help. "After the first few races I hired a prep shop," Annis admits. "I was with a guy for two or three races, and then he quit. One of the fellas out of that shop said he would do



A WINNING HISTORY

In October 1983, the world caught its first glimpse of a new spec racecar at Road Atlanta, and 111 people thought enough of that Sports Renault, produced by SCCA Enterprises, that they put down the \$500 deposit to order the \$10,000 racecar. The rest, as they say, is history.

In 1985, Scott Lagasse claimed the first Runoffs title in the Sports Renault class at Road Atlanta and backed it up in 1986. Mike Davies would take the next two championship wins, his 1988 win marking the final under the Renault banner as Renault had withdrawn it support, resulting in SCCA Enterprises' offering being renamed the Spec Racer for 1989.

As the calendar turned to 1993, Ford entered the picture with a 1.9-liter engine and 5-speed transmission package for the popular chassis. The result of the updated package was a more powerful and faster Spec Racer Ford. From 1993-'96, both the Sports Renault and the Spec Racer Ford competed and crowned SCCA Runoffs champions, but by 1997 only the Ford-powered cars retained National status.

With the class celebrating its 25th anniversary, the 1.9-liter engine was getting long in the tooth, replacement parts were getting hard to find, and some engines had been rebuilt so many times they were becoming unreliable. While all of this service work kept the SCCA Enterprises shop plenty busy, it was not good for the future of the class.

Around this time, Mike Davies, a four-time Runoffs winner behind the wheel of the Enterprises chassis, joined the SCCA Enterprises team as the Technical Manager. One of first tasks to land on his plate was to find an alternative source for cylinder heads for the SRF - but the only options at the time were cost prohibitive, so gears shifted toward finding a replacement engine. A chance meeting between Davies and Mike Delahanty and Andy Slacker of Ford Performance at an SCCA event opened the door to the 1.6-liter Fiesta engine. In 2013, the decision was made, and development began, with cars testing on track later that year and throughout 2014.

In 2015, the SRF Gen3 was ready for competition and it netted 426 U.S. Majors Tour entries that year. As with the previous engine transition, both classes would crown Runoffs champions. Kerry Jacobsen would claim the first SRF3 title as the Runoffs visited the high banks of Daytona. By 2016, the momentum was shifting, and the Majors program saw 283 SRF entries vs. 702 in the Gen3 car. Similarly, in 2017 - the last transitional year - the numbers heavily favored the Gen3, with 892 Majors entries to the older car's 252. The final Runoffs checkered

Ine tinal Kunotts checkered flag waved for the Gen2 SRF at Indianapolis in 2017, when Mike Miserendino claimed his fifth title in the class, closing the Gen2 chapter with style.

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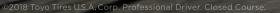
it, and that became Robinson Motorsports; he was my prep guy for a while. I used a few other shops and did some myself. When I finally decided I had enough of towing my own car, I hired PM Racing, which is Brian Schofield and his brother – I bought my first car from their father."

Eventually it was time for Annis to convert his car from the Renault motor to the first Ford powerplant in the mid 1990s. "I think I was about a year late," Annis recalls. "I had some other business issues going on, so it wasn't a priority."

Annis, however, wasn't about to leave the Renault setup without a swan song. "I forget the year, but there was an endurance race at Moroso and I talked the guys down there into letting us have a Spec Renault class. It would give them more car count and it was a great way for us to use up these engines before we took them out because the next day they wouldn't be legal. I think we had 12 cars. I think one wrecked, and one might have blown up, but the rest all finished."

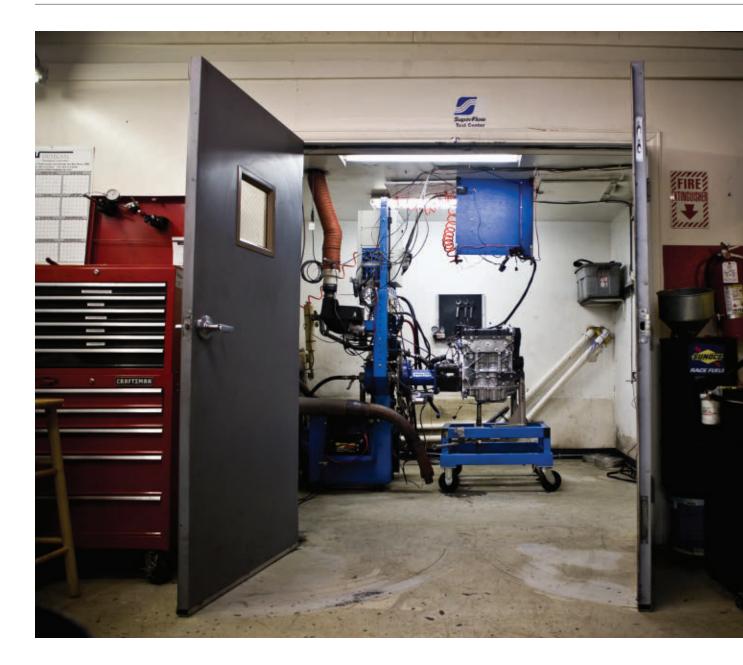
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For Annis, there was a bit of a learning curve to the Gen2 Ford setup. "It took me a while," Annis says. "I had been pretty good in the Renault. At the Runoffs in 1993 I finished fifth, which was pretty good. But since I was a little late getting there [with the Ford], I stumbled quite a bit. Then in 2000 I won the Southeast Division and won three races in a row, which was unusual back then. That was my big deal."

At one point in time, it seemed as though Annis would not

make the jump to the Gen3 SRF, instead considering parking the car. "My main goal had been to go to Indy for the 2017 Runoffs," Annis admits. "Shortly after that race I would turn 72-years old and I had figured that maybe by the time we got through with Indy I might not be able to drive the damn thing anymore. I didn't want to go to Indy being a rookie in the new car. Ultimately, I was happy where I did end up in that Gen2 race." True to his vision of how the





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year might end, Annis found himself taking a break after the 2017 Runoffs. "Some other sporting events had torn my knee up, so I had to have it replaced," he says. "I really didn't race from November until January 2018,

ON THE NUMBER

(LEFT) Every engine is dyno tested, tuned, and sealed before it leaves SCCA Enterprises. The target horsepower for a Gen3 engine is 134.5hp, and reportedly the variance from best to worst so far has been 1.8hp. (BOTTOM LEFT) Mike Davies (right), Shannon Snow (left), and Reed Thompson (center) ensure that equality.

and then again until Daytona in August of 2018. I wanted to see if I could still race after my knee replacement and all the time off."

Back behind the wheel, however, Annis realized he couldn't stop racing. "I just didn't want to quit," he says. "I didn't want to lose my friends - I was going to miss them making fun of me. The Schofield fellas told me my car as a Gen2 wasn't going to be worth much, and if I went ahead and upgraded it I would be able to get my money out of it. But I don't really ever want to sell it."

With the calendar set to turn to 2019 and the Gen2 phased out, Annis placed his order for the Gen3 package. Little did he know that when he placed his order he would end up with the milestone 500th Spec Racer Ford Gen3 engine.

Unlike back when he moved from the Renault motor to the first Ford powerplant, Annis took to the Gen3 package quickly - in fact, it turns out most drivers find the improved weight balance a major asset to the chassis. "The fellas told me what to expect," Annis says. "The only funny part about it is you shift at different points."

So now with his SRF Gen3 setup ready to rock, Annis is shifting his focus to racing, and doing so mainly on the tracks he enjoys most. For him, that meant competing at Sebring earlier this year during the U.S. Majors Tour, and later this year he intends a trip up north to Road America. "What I would like to do is go to the June Sprints," he says. "I've been to that track a lot. About seven years ago I was really on my game and I finished second to Brian Schofield. That was a big moment for me." •

THE FIRST RACE



In April 1984, when Central Carolinas Region held its Spring Sprints at Charlotte Motor Speedway, few truly knew the full impact a small exhibition race that would take place during that event would have on the future of the SCCA

Over the course of the weekend, then SCCA V.P. Costa Dunias presented the National Board of Directors with a final draft of the rules for the Sports Renault class – a small detail that would need to be approved before customers started taking delivery of their SCCA Enterprise-produced racecars and heading to the track.

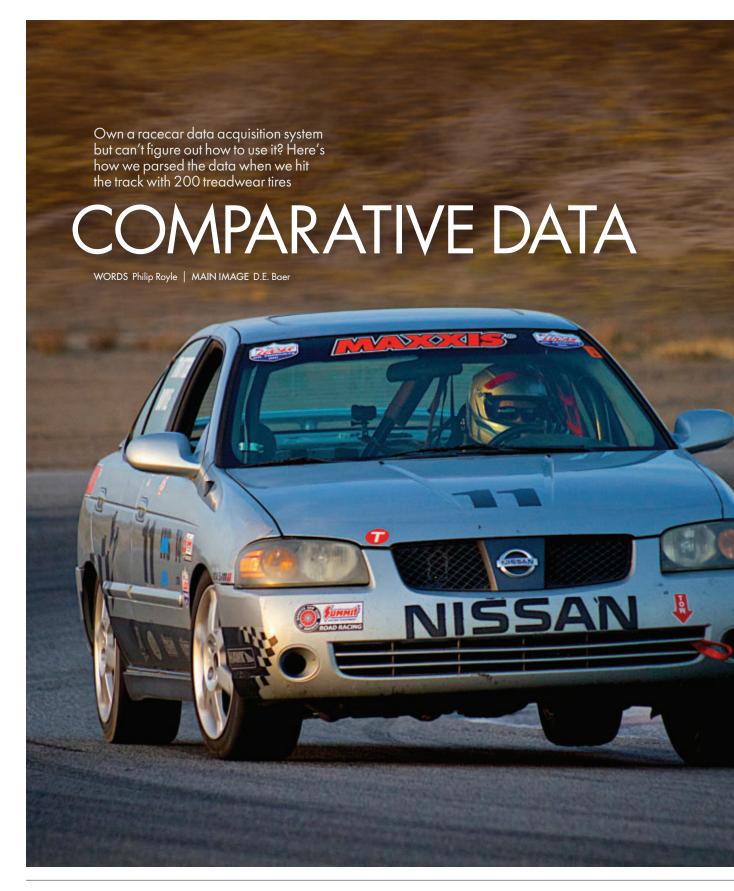
An interesting side note to those rules: they basically said you can't change anything on the car, but you can paint it any color you want. But the first time you are caught tampering with the car you were to be fined \$500, disqualified from the event, and lose your license for 30 days. Make that error in judgment a second time and you may not be back in the class.

Anyway, Roy Lunn, along with his team of engineers and mechanics from Renault/Jeep Sport, brought eight Sports Renault racecars to Charlotte Motor Speedway for the weekend. Joining Lunn on track for the inaugural race would be a wide range of drivers, all of whom had proven track records and were known to be skilled at setting up cars.

Dave Weitzenhof was a proven commodity in the Formula Ford ranks, and his engineering prowess was equally revered. Jim Brookshire was a Formula Vee champion who had won in a car of his own design. John Finger was an established Production and GT racer and was well known for his accomplishments at the Chimney Rock Hill Climb. Ben Burrell came from the Showroom Stock ranks and brought with him a wealth of knowledge as a tire tester. Perhaps know best for his engine-building skills, Rollin Butler was also an accomplished FV and FF pilot. Jeff Carlin was yet another driver with FV and FF roots. Production racer Joe Cogbill III was the final driver invited to take part.

As the 12-lap race started, Brookshire led the group into the infield, and seemed to have the race in control. But it didn't take long before Weitzenhof, who was also one of early development drivers, took the point. Brookshire made a run on Weitzenhof as they approached the checkered flag, but it didn't go to plan, leaving Weitzenhof (BELOW) to claim the very first Sports Renault race win.







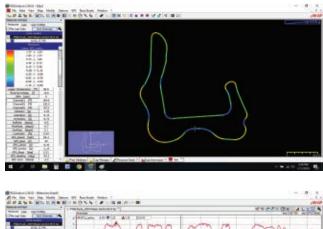
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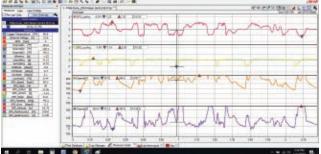
Many SCCA road racers have a data system in their racecar but either don't know how to use the data or have never tried. And it's easy to understand why – charts and maps like those to the right are simple to output, but what do they mean and what can you learn?

The concept is nothing new, but we'd never done it before - so we loaded up a racecar and headed to the track to race on 200 treadwear street tires. The goal was to capture as much data about street tires as reasonably possible during a race weekend and try to figure out whether ultra-high-performance street tires could hold up to the punishment of SCCA Road Racing. We also wanted to do it in a way that anyone with a data system and a racecar could mimic.

Our decision to race on street tires wasn't out of the blue. Late in 2018, the Club Racing Board (CRB) gueried the membership through Fastrack as to whether 200 treadwear tires should be introduced into Club Racing. The response to the CRB's question was not overwhelmingly for the proposal, but the idea of street tires in a Club Racing class didn't stop there. Soon thereafter, the CRB classed an optional configuration for the Scion FR-S and Subaru BRZ in Touring 4, with these cars being given the choice to run at a reduced T4 weight, but they would be required to utilize the bulk of the autocross Solo Spec Coupe rules, including the use of 200 treadwear tires (although they can run any 200 treadwear tires, not the spec Falkens required per the Solo Rules).

Fittingly, SCCA Autocross is probably where the CRB street tire proposal stemmed from. Roughly seven years ago, the Solo Events Board began a transition for the biggest category in autocross, ultimately renaming the "Stock" category to "Street" and requiring the use of tires with a 200 UTQG rating or higher. Long story short,





with Street-category autocross cars on 200 treadwear tires, category participation soared.

Back to Club Racing: While the CRB's street tire proposal for certain road racing classes didn't progress, it made us wonder how our old Touring 4 car would perform on 200 treadwear street tires?

OUR TESTING "PROCEDURE"

We wanted to gather data for this story via methods achievable by the average racer - we could have rented a track, brought in a professional driver, and sought out a professional data analyst to interpret the files, but none of that is reproducible by you. So, instead, we entered an affordable SCCA Cal Club Region race weekend at Buttonwillow Raceway Park that also featured a 90-minute enduro element, and we used a reasonably priced, offthe-shelf data system to capture information about the 200 UTQG tires we'd be racing on.

For tires, we ordered a set of affordable 225/45-17 Maxxis Victra VR-1 200 treadwear tires for our T4-class 2003 Nissan Sentra. The VR-1 Maxxis tires may not be well known in SCCA circles, but they are used by several road racing and track day groups and have a proven history of holding up to multiple hours of abuse at the track. At less than \$130 per tire, they're a bargain.

To capture data, we outfitted the car with an AiM MXm data acquisition system and AiM's infrared tire temperature sensors. Admittedly, the AiM MXm data system was not our first choice - we originally planned to utilize an AiM Solo 2 DL to gather accelerator data, but a call to AiM turned us on to a different product: the MXm.

Touted as the compact data logger, installation isn't as straightforward as the plug-andplay, battery-powered Solo 2 DL, but it's nearly as easy - it requires some kind of mounting plate (we screwed it into a block-out plate on the dash), and you have to connect it to a 12v power source. The advantage to the MXm over the Solo 2 DL, however, is it allows for the use of external sensors. Because of this, we ordered AiM's tire temperature sensor kit to plug into the MXm. The bump in cost between the two is not outlandish - the MXm will run you about \$1,099 vs. the Solo 2 DL's \$699.

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RADIOS WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL



Most of the testing for this story was accomplished during a Cal Club Region 90-minute enduro. We chose this event due to its ability to allow us to push the tires to the limit for extended periods of time and do so cost effectively. We were looking for falloff due to abuse, and what's more abusive than spending 90 minutes on track during a race, with only a five-minute pit stop in the middle? Our testing procedure, however, was missing one key component: in-car communications.

For the purpose of our driver change 45 minutes in, we decided the second driver would signal the first driver via the use of a large board displayed on the front straight - old school. Unfortunately, the first driver, keeping an eye on the clock, noticed the agreed upon time limit had passed and assumed he'd missed the board. So, he entered the pits.

In his pit space, the first driver discovered the second driver (SportsCar's editor) eating a snack and chatting with the workers. This led to a bit of a rush, and the planned five-minute stop turned into seven minutes. Did it affect the outcome of the race or our testing? No, but we did learn that communication between driver and crew is essential when a pit stop is part of a race.

Despite this hiccup, we had plenty of fun during the enduro and we collected all of the necessary tire data. We also plan to compete in more enduros in the future – where we'll probably bring a radio setup.



TOOLS OF THE TRADE

For our test, we utilized an AiM MXm data system (LEFT) and four AiM infrared tire temperature sensors fastened to the fender liners (BELOW). All of this enabled us to capture data on the Maxxis Victra VR-1 200 treadwear tires (BOTTOM) we raced on during a 90-minute enduro.

AiM's infrared tire sensors offer a 35-degree field of view, with the sensors measuring temperatures from -4 degrees F to 248 degrees F. The sensors cost about \$100 each and plug straight into the MXm and AiM's Race Studio software makes the setup so straightforward even we could do it.

We did discover that distance from the tire's surface makes a difference in the temperature sensor's readings, undoubtedly due to the amount of surface area the sensor can see. We mounted the passenger side tire sensor nearly an inch farther from the tire's surface compared to the driver's side to see what the difference would be and we saw peak temperatures sometimes





40 degrees lower than the sensor placed closer to the tire. Does this matter? Not so much, as we were looking for general temperature fluctuation, not absolute readings in pinpoint tire locations.

KNEE DEEP IN DATA

Data is largely useless without something to compare it to - but that doesn't mean you need files upon files of data from multiple cars and tracks to pull from. In our case, we were comparing data on the T4 car over the duration of a 25-minute race followed by a 90-minute enduro on the same day. Believe it or not, there's plenty to learn from a single test.

While there are many methods for analyzing data, for us, the lowest hanging fruit when it comes to tire data analysis is lap consistency. We pulled up data from the enduro and discovered a lap time variation of no more than 0.776sec during the final 40-minute stint, with most laps falling within a half-second window. We also discovered that the driver turned his fastest time of the day on the penultimate lap of the 90-minute enduro, showing that the Maxxis Victra VR-1 tires were good to the end.

Next, we pulled up lateral (cornering) and longitudinal (braking) g-force data. We initially compared our fastest lap to a lap earlier in the enduro and discovered the g-forces were nearly identical, so we decided to overlay a session from earlier in the day and found cornering and braking forces were all comparable - this showed that the tires ran hard for the duration of the day, taking more than 120 minutes of abuse without substantial falloff.

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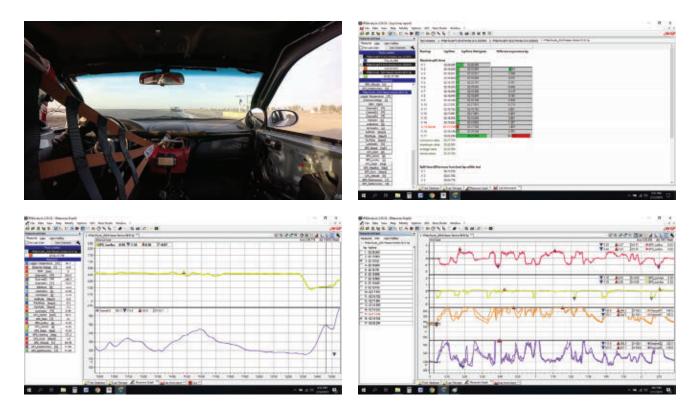
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A MOMENT LIKE THIS

(CLOCKWISE from TOP LEFT) The AiM MXm data system easily mounted to a rigid dash plate. An output of lap times shows tire consistency throughout the endro. Overlaid acceleration, braking, cornering, and tire temps from lap 2 and lap 15 of the second stint of the enduro show minimal performance fade. Viewing brake g-force (top) alongside tire temp (bottom) channels from one corner to the next reveal how the tires deal with temperature gains.

Diving into the specific numbers, we found our 2,750lb, front-wheeldrive T4 car on the Maxxis VR-1 street tires consistently attained 1.09g of lateral force and knocked out 1.08g of braking force from lap one to the end. There were g-force peaks from bumps on the track, but we stuck to the data that represented the car's performance, not the track's idiosyncrasies.

On its own, specific g-force data is interesting, but it doesn't show a complete picture - this is where alternate comparative data comes in handy. We accessed data from our 2015 Runoffs-winning T4 Honda Civic Si project racecar that was outfitted with an AiM data system and discovered the 2,975lb Civic on 225/40-18 BFGoodrich R1 S R-compound tires could pull 1.3g of cornering force at the beginning of the 2016 Runoffs, but it struggled to hit 1.25g by the end of the race. Surprisingly, we found the braking force was similar between the Civic on R-compounds and the Sentra on

street tires, with the Civic pulling 1.07g on the same compound Hawk DTC-60 brake pads.

Analyzing lap consistency between the two cars, we found our race lap time variance was far greater in the Civic on R-compounds than in the Sentra on Maxxis street tires (as emphasized by the decrease in the Civic's lateral g-force as the race went on). This, however, could be attributed to the Civic's 225lb bulkier weight and Mid-Ohio's brutal circuit vs. Buttonwillow's relatively mellow layout - it's hard to reach a definitive conclusion on this one.

What did the tire temperature data reveal? We found that as the race progressed, the tires would generally not cool as much on the straights, with tire temperatures sitting about 10-15 degrees F higher on the straights in the later laps of the enduro. The braking and mid-turn temperature peaks were roughly the same as earlier in the race, however, which further explains why the tires did not lose grip during the extended session.

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

Our data collection exercise showed multiple things. One is that 200 treadwear tires can take the abuse of racing. An analysis of the Maxxis VR-1 street tires after roughly 120 minutes of on-track racing indicated that the lifespan of these street tires is comparable or possibly greater than the top-tier R-compounds we're used to running. But the price is the kicker: a set of Hoosiers A7s or R7s for our test car would have cost \$1,193 through Tire Rack, while four BFGoodrich R1-S or R1s would cost \$1,095. Meanwhile, a set of Maxxis VR-1 street tires will set you back only \$511 from Maxxis.

Our test also showed that while our T4 car on street tires could brake just as effectively as a Nationally competitive T4 car on R-compound rubber, the street tires just couldn't sustain the lateral g-forces of R-compounds. What's the ultimate lap time difference between the two types of tires? Obviously, we don't know - we'd need to run R-compounds on the car at the same circuit on the same day as the street tires for that data, and we didn't. But we do know that street tires are slower, and we know they're slower because of decreased cornering force, not a lack of braking. In a high horsepower car, they probably couldn't get the power down on corner exit, either, but with our test being on low-powered cars, that was not an issue.

And the final question: Are 200 treadwear street tires a future that SCCA Road Racing should consider? That, my friends, is a question best answered by the CRB through member input from you. But we will say that we had fun in our low-powered T4 car on street tires. So, come the next enduro, we're going to order up another set of Maxxis tires and put the money we save into brats and beverages. •

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A LIFELONG ENTHUSIAST

For 17-year-old Riley Heaton, motorsports began at home and then the SCCA became home | WORDS James Heine | MAIN IMAGE Courtesy Riley Heaton

f you are of a certain age, perusing Riley Heaton's CV and tabulating everything the 17-year-old Nebraska Region high-school junior does might make you tired just contemplating the effort. Not counting his SCCA activities - autocross (where he has two National Solo titles plus a ProSolo title), RoadRally, and RallyCross - there is varsity swimming (two letters, 2016-'17), Nebraska state swimming finals (a bronze in the 50 free-style in 2015), mountainbike racing (a bronze in 2018), head coach for Swimtastic, an Omaha-area swim team, pilot of a 1994 Mazda Miata that he is building into an STS autocross car and, oh, yes, of course, full-time high-school student with an eye toward a career as a high-school mechanics and industrial-technology teacher.

"I also collect and race r/c hobby cars and participate in online racing," he says. "I have been playing Gran Turismo on the racing simulator since the age of 3."

Impressive? Yes. (And, hooray that he has an eye on a teaching career.)

"I primarily participate in autocross," Riley says about his SCCA activities, "but I got to try my hand last year at RallyCross in a Subaru WRX. I never knew driving in the dirt could be that much fun. So much fun that I have started shopping for a RallyCross car." That he is from an SCCA family is evident early in almost any conversation with Riley. At the age of 4, he explains, he started working in timing at local autocross events, helping post results on the side of the Region's trailer.

"I have been interested in motorsports for as long as I can remember," he says. "Since my parents both compete in autocross, I have been attending events since I was born – actually,

NOW AND THEN

(LEFT) In between classes and numerous other activates, Riley Heaton can be found autocrossing his STS Miata. (BELOW) Heaton was headed for a podium finish at the 2018 Solo National Championships but a cone got in his way. (BOTTOM) In his early days, Heaton was very successful in Junior Karts.

before I was born. My mom autocrossed when she was pregnant with me. I have seen pictures of my mom walking the course before an event while pushing me in my stroller. So, I guess I have walked a few courses in my 17 years."

Considering his early exposure to the sport, and that he excels at it, it's surprising that his initiation as a driver did not go well. Actually, it almost didn't go at all. When he first exhibited a serious interest in karting, Riley recalls, his mom and dad went to great lengths to find the right kart for him. Yet, when he turned 8 a few months later and finally had the chance to compete at a local event, things did not go as planned.

"You would have thought that I would have been excited," he says, "except now, I wanted no part of it. I didn't like wearing a helmet, the engine was too loud, the gloves were too tight. I was done. Mom sat with me and told me that if I took one run and didn't like it, I could quit. Thirty minutes later, I finally complied. After that one run, I have never looked back."

An SCCA member since 2009, Riley won for the first time at the Tire Rack Solo National Championships in 2014, in Formula Junior A. He repeated that effort in 2016, while adding a ProSolo Formula Junior A win as well. Along the way, he has won a Nebraska Region gymkhana driver of the year award and thrice been named runner-up in the category.

"In 2017, I transitioned from karts to cars and managed to



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trophy at my first National Tour," he says. "Currently, I drive a 1994 Mazda Miata that I am building up for STS. [Last year], I co-drove Andy Clark's infamous 1988 Honda CRX nicknamed 'Bubba' at the Solo Nationals. What a phenomenal car! Unfortunately, I coned away a podium finish."

Riley won his first non-karting Solo trophy driving his parents' D Street Subaru WRX at the 2017 Solo Championship Tour in Lincoln. "I still had my learner's permit; so, my mom had to sit in the passenger's seat while I took my runs out on course," he says.

Riley notes that the transition from kart to car intimidated him a little because, among other things, he was the youngest driver on the grid. Yet, he adds, his nerves disappeared once he got behind the wheel.

"Driving a car is very different from driving a go-kart," he observes. "For one, your perspective changes. Instead of being as tall as the cones, you are now looking down on them. I find it easier to look ahead on course, as opposed to being in the kart and seeing everything at eye level. Second, it also took some time to learn how to drive with a suspension and then use it to my advantage."

What sets autocross apart from many other sports is the fact that competitors go out of their way to help each other, Riley says. "When your car breaks during an event, you will have four different people offering to let you drive their car and four other people trying to fix your broken one. It's that part of the sport that keeps you coming back for more."

Plus, he adds. "I have made some great friendships over the years and consider the SCCA my second family."

At school, many of his friends are into cars also, Riley notes, and interested in how they can prep their cars for competition. "I had a few friends who got the opportunity to stop by our local autocross events and do some ride-alongs. They were impressed with how addicting autocrossing can be, as you are constantly chasing the fastest time."

His advice to anyone who asks about getting involved in motorsports? "Autocrossing is a great way to get into motorsports, and it will make you an overall better driver," he says. "Autocrossing is all about car control and looking ahead, which is something you can use daily out on the street. These are great qualities teen drivers need to know."

The SCCA has many ways to get involved, he adds. "Find what part of the SCCA suits your time and budget. From volunteering to racing at your local track, if you love cars you won't be disappointed."

CLEAR AND CONCISE



Communication, says Oregon Region's Bonnie Aarseth, is key to being a successful F&C worker | WORDS James Kearney | MAIN IMAGE Courtesy Bonnie Aarseth

When I caught up with Bonnie Aarseth, she and her husband were cruising along the Pacific Highway on a rainy day. They live about an hour inland from the coast in Jefferson, Ore. She tells me she vividly remembers her first racetrack visit: some coworkers had invited her to Portland International Raceway. "I started flagging right away and I was hooked," she recalls. "It was exciting to be so close to the action. Everyone was very accepting of me and there was a real multi-generation family feel to it all." That was 35 years ago.

Even in her early days of flagging, she understood the importance of clear communication, and she paid close attention to the best words to use in reporting action to the tower. "I got the lingo down as soon as I could," she says. "For the sake of clarity, car 36 became car three-six. We were taught on the job, and that continues to this day."

She loves to travel to new areas of the country and observe how they do things. Another Region gave her the idea of using the word "impact" to describe a car contacting a wall or other barrier versus using the word "contact," when there has been a car-to-car coming together.

Her ability to remain calm and clear as she communicated the action to the tower had an ironic result. As thrilling as it was to be on the corners, her strong skill set led her to work in the tower for many of her events over the last 15 years. "It is critical to keep your voice calm, not only so you can be heard clearly, but also to keep yourself in control," she says.

Bonnie notes that they have a terrific group of workers in the Northwest and she can trust their reports to the tower in part because she knows them so well. "I key off their voices," she says. "I know when someone is working hard to remain calm." She enjoys the position in the tower but



ON THE ROAD Bonnie Aarseth, who was presented with the F&C Worker of the Year award at the 2018 Runoffs (TOP), started flagging some 35 years ago, although these days she's typically found in the tower calling the shots. Aarseth loves to visit other SCCA Regions and events to see how they do things.

says she sometimes she feels bad as she is sheltered from the weather. But at events where she's not working the tower, she's back on the turns, often as the communicator for her corner crew.

Bonnie is proud of the success her Region has had in recruiting new workers. The return of some pro races has given them an increased chance of getting their name out. "The biggest change over the years is the average age of the folks out on the corners," she says. "It has gone from 20-30 to 60-70 years old." They have an annual recruitment party and strive to find out what the new members might like to do. And they provide training and a mentor for all new workers. "Corner workers need to contend with the weather and long hours," she points out. "We let them know what clothes to bring and provide food and drinks. There is a tremendous sense of camaraderie among F&C members. You develop a close bond as you are placing your trust in one another. When you are standing with your back to traffic, you rely on the

blue flag person to save your bacon."

It can get complicated out on the turns. All F&C duties require commitment and concentration but working the blue flag can wear you out. "It is easier if the race is in your own Region and you know the car and drivers pretty well," she notes. "Even then, a worker in training will have a mentor standing with them to tap them on the shoulder or whisper in their ear. Newbies, meanwhile, are encouraged to listen in on a spare set of headphones.

Bonnie worked the blue flag at night at the Petit Le Mans one year, and she notes the difficulty of keeping a track of 30-plus cars at high speed. She would identify them by the different headlights, sidelights, and different colored mirrors. "That was hard duty," she recalls. "But we changed off every hour."

The hard work has not gone unnoticed, either. So, while Bonnie was surprised to receive the Worker of the Year Award for F&C at the 2018 Runoffs, her friends were not. "Recognition is very nice," she says, "but it's not why I do it." •



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OFF TO THE RACES

(LEFT) The 2019 Hoosier Super Tour is off and running, and you can count on seeing Data Technicians taking samples throughout the year. (BELOW) The CRB will be utilizing the new SCCA Road Racing Facebook page as a way of vetting ideas and communicating with the racing community.

IN ACTION

While the 2019 Road Racing season is well underway, the Club Racing Board has been busy behind the scenes WORDS Peter Keane, Chairman, Road Racing Board MAIN IMAGE Mark Weber

A lot has happened since 2019 began. Beyond the SCCA having already successfully conducted several U.S. Majors Tours and Hoosier Super Tour races, the SCCA National Convention was a great success. At the Convention, I'm always amazed by the amount of knowledge our volunteers possess, and I was also impressed by the amount of effort being put into the future of our sport. I sat in on several Convention sessions in different categories, and the topics were always forward thinking.

During the National Convention, the Club Racing Board (CRB) conducted a face-toface meeting as well as having meetings with the National Board of Directors (BoD) and the Executive Stewards. The CRB face-to-face and meeting with the BoD is standard operating procedure for the SCCA National Convention; the CRB meeting with the Executive Stewards, however, is something that has not happened in many years. That said, the Executive Stewards meeting was incredibly informative and successful, and it was only the first step for the CRB in improving communications with the Execs and the technical department.

COMMITTEES, SPECIALTIES, FACEBOOK, AND RANDY

In my last column, I introduced the Strategic Advisory Committee to assist the CRB with future improvements to the SCCA Road Racing program. The official name on crbscca.com is listed as the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC), and the CRB would like to encourage SCCA members to send any ideas for improving the Road Racing program to crbscca.com and select the "SPAC" category.

Speaking of online, the SCCA Staff has set up an SCCA Road Racing Facebook page. If you're one of the 2.3 billion Facebook users, please "like" the page and look for new items from the CRB and Advisory Committees. The CRB and committees will be using the Facebook page to communicate new ideas, pose "What do you think?" questions, and disseminate general information.

The CRB would also like to recognize Glen Thielke, the Data Technician, as well as his data collection team. Glen and his crew have done a tremendous job of installing data boxes, collecting data, and generating data reports for the CRB and various committees. The CRB's Advisory Committees



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After seeing some of the data for myself, it was amazing to see how close most of the class data was that was taken during the 2018 Runoffs at Sonoma Raceway. But with these data reports, the CRB will be able to reduce the amount of changes to each car's performance and ensure equality through the classes. Glen and his team have worked with us to refine the reports, and it's notable that the data the Data Technician specialty supplies to the CRB just keep getting better and better.

And, finally, while I told *SportsCar*'s editor that I would not write about Randy Pobst anymore, I had to laugh when my first article in *SportsCar* talked about how Randy likes different cars, and *Pobst Position* in the same issue was about Randy looking for a new car. I guess some things never change. •





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SOLO SHOCKER!

The host site for the Tire Rack Solo National Championships is about to undergo major changes – but don't worry | WORDS Paul Brown | IMAGE Rupert Berrington

There's some shocking news about Lincoln Airpark in Lincoln, Neb., the site we use for the Tire Rack Solo National Championships and ProSolo Finale: The U.S. Air Force is moving in and taking over the entire paddock and Test and Tune area. But let's not panic - there is more to the story.

It seems that nearby Offutt Air Force Base is undergoing a major renovation and they need a place to park airplanes - and they've got their eyes on our spot. While this may appear dire at first glance, it seems that the folks at Lincoln Airpark have our back - and they have an answer. While Lincoln Airpark told the Air Force that they could park planes in the space we use, it came with the caveat that they weren't allowed to do so during time we need it. Hurray!

In short, this is a very positive sign that we have not worn out our welcome with Lincoln Airpark or the city of Lincoln, Neb. At the same time, it's also a sobering "We could also contemplate having one Nationals course on concrete and the other on asphalt"

reminder that we all need to do our best to be good tenants while in Lincoln so that the Airpark will continue to support us.

But it's not all cut and dry - the Air Force was given caveats, and so was the SCCA. The condition of the concrete that the Air Force wants to use isn't up to their standards, and pouring new concrete is not in the budget; sadly, cutting out that concrete and replacing it with asphalt is. So, the result is that the rough concrete northern end of the Solo Nationals paddock, where many of us paddock, will be replaced with lovely, smooth asphalt. Good news: we can park on it. Bad news: The Test and Tune course area is included in the repave, and what use is an asphalt test location when the National Championship event takes place on concrete?

Moving the Test and Tune course down to the southern end of the site near the East and West Courses - an area that will still be concrete - is an obvious answer, but it will add noise and activity to an already busy area. We have the space to do this, it's just going to take a bit of reconfiguration. Truth be told, the SCCA is actually gaining area in this reconfiguration, with new footage for most of the eastern perimeter of the paddock. The Solo Nationals didn't actually fill what we had in 2018, but more space is always welcome.

So, how will the reconfiguration look? The East and West Courses and their associated grids will remain pretty much the same as they've always been, and they'll remain on concrete. The Test and Tune is far too popular and useful to lose, so it will move to some of the remaining concrete area. The Big Fun Tent, registration, protests, and other accessories of the Solo Nationals, however, **CROWDED AIRSPACE**

Thanks to some Air Force planes, the paddock at the 2019 Solo National Championships may look a little different than it has in past years, but all of your favorite things - and the things needed to make the event happen - will remain in place.

will have to shift locations. One bit of good news is that they are likely to all end up at the eastern edge of the site, which is high ground, and we know we get rain in Lincoln in September.

More good news is that the SCCA has plenty of time to figure this out. With the month of May comes Solo Nationals setup day, when the SCCA lays out the two National Championship courses, so this year the day will also include scouting the rest of the location to see where the asphalt will encroach - yeah, maps have been made by the Air Force, but chances are the reality may not match the plans.

This is all going down now, the Air Force planes are supposed to be around through 2020; after that, they are back at Offutt. That leaves us with a huge patch of new, smooth asphalt - and options to consider. While we could keep things status quo, we could also contemplate having one Nationals course on concrete and the other on asphalt. If that option were explored, there may not be space for two Test and Tune courses, so we'd have to pick one.

Of additional note is that there's experimentation being done regarding leveling up some of the concrete that has settled over the years at Lincoln Airpark. There's also discussion about clearing away some of the items in the championship course areas that we can't currently drive over, which would further expand the course design possibilities of an already amazing location.

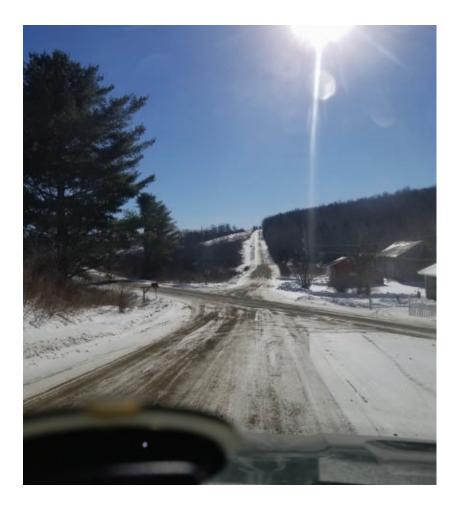
But regardless of the details, Lincoln Airpark will continue to host the Solo National Championships for the foreseeable future, we're going to compete on concrete, and we'll be doing so well past the 50th anniversary of the Solo National Championships in 2022. Yes, we'll have to paddock on asphalt, but there are certainly worse problems to have. •



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CROSSING OVER

Finger Lakes Region's winter RoadRallies offer a great opportunity for autocrossers looking for a challenge | WORDS Rick Beattie | IMAGE Shaun Hallam

A lthough much of SCCA had settled down for a long winter's nap by the end of 2018 and early 2019, there was one program that withstood – and, in many cases, looked forward to – the long nights and at least a few inches of snow. RoadRally regions along the Canadian border thrived as Lake Superior, Land O' Lakes, Detroit, Misery Bay, Finger Lakes, and New England all offered something to do with a car that was prepped and ready. On Feb. 2, Finger Lakes Region members Shaun Hallam and Lloyd Murray staged the third event of the Region's Winter Rally Series, the Hollows, Gulches and Hills Rally.

Beginning and ending at Scovill's Grill in Dansville, N.Y., the nearly 200-mile route took 15 teams as far south as Cameron Mills and as far west as Fillmore. Hallam reported calm winds and temperatures in the mid 30s during the day, but dropping at night, and that the "roads were a mixture of packed snow, ice-sand mix, and sandy pavement."

Teams competed in four classes: Equipped, Limited, Stock, and Novice. First in Equipped Class and first overall with just 18 points for the 20 scored legs was Eric Hobron navigating for Alan Smith. Hobron has been rallying since 1981 when his father Allen Holbron, who rallied in the 1950s and '60s, got him into the sport. Smith, meanwhile, has been rallying since 1993. He and Holbron have been a team for 15 years.

Finger Lakes Region has one set of general instructions for their Winter Rally Series, although each event can add an addendum "to provide information unique to that event," the rules say.

One unique concept is the use of variable speeds and speed groups. There is a table listing the speed groups in columns and

SNOW DAYS

While much of the country braved the winter safely indoors, a number of SCCA Regions embraced the white stuff and took to the roads.

the factors by class in rows. Teams can run in any class at any maximum speed, but an Equipped car running at the maximum Group C speed of 36mph will have a factored score 1.5 times their raw score.

Smith confirms that "[Finger Lakes Region] is unique in the use of speed groups to keep it safe for beginners and challenging for more experienced teams."

"We have a great group of people and friendly competition," he said. Members of that group included the Class L winners, with just 43 points, Greg Peck and driver Karl Haltiner. Haltiner has "been participating in [Finger Lakes Region's] winter night tulip TSD rallies since 1982 - 36 years! Hard to believe," he said. He also likes bad weather. Running Class L he has beaten a few Class E cars and feels that the "adverse weather helps level the playing field."

"This series is a tribute to the vision of Bill Laitenberger and Debbi Segall 36 years ago when they started it - with a little help from me as the Solo chairman at the time - as a way to attract autocrossers and racers to rally by running in the off-season and making sure there was a driving challenge to it," Haltiner pointed out. "I had been competing in Solo for a few years before then and the car control learned there translated nicely."

That mixing of Solo and RoadRally also appealed to the Class S winners Bruce Coulombe driving, with his son James navigating and earning a factored score of 190.97. Bruce Coulombe is a Glen Region Solo Safety Steward. James Coulombe got his father restarted in autosports with his participation in the Solo Drivers School hosted by Glen Region. Bruce Coulombe ran most of their first rallies "in my trusty old 1998 Hyundai Accent - slow, cloudy headlights, dim odometer lighting, rusty and dented, it was a great car to learn with," he said. They won Novice class with it in their first full year.

With their interest in driving and encouragement from Finger Lakes rallymaster Gary Thomas, they were hooked. "Rallying seemed like a great way to get out and have fun in cars no matter what the weather," he concluded. •



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CARRYING THE MOMENTUM

Member generosity helps power the SCCA Foundation's success – and future growth WORDS Jeff Jacobs, Vice Chairman, SCCA Foundation MAIN IMAGE SCCA Archives

The SCCA Foundation reported strong financial and program results from 2018 at this year's SCCA National Convention. One key measure of the SCCA Foundation's performance each year is the amount of money raised to support its core programs. In 2018, the Foundation raised nearly \$150,000, which was a 50-percent increase over 2017. It finished the year with net assets of \$313,000, which represented an increase of \$98,000. These kinds of positive results are only possible thanks to the generosity of so many SCCA members and Regions.

One obvious guestion is, what did the Foundation do with all the money it raised? Almost all of the donations go directly to support the core programs supported by the Foundation. Two programs consume the majority of the Foundation's spending - the Tire Rack Street Survival teen driving program, and the SCCA Archives. While part of the costs of the teen driving program are covered by the entry fees paid by the students, much of the funding comes from the Foundation - more than \$35,000 a year. This money allows us to provide the Foundation's Street Survival coordinator, Scott Dobler, who supports SCCA Regions and facilitates new Regions joining the

program. It also pays for volunteer shirts, printed materials for students, parents, and instructors, and other event support.

The other large budget item for the Foundation is the SCCA Archives. The great work being done at the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC) in Watkins Glen was funded with \$30,000 in Foundation contributions. In addition, when the SCCA collection outgrew the available shelving and storage boxes, the Foundation purchased the necessary materials with a further contribution of \$7,500.

Donor generosity also made it possible for the Foundation to support the Formula SAE program though the annual cash prizes and trophies following their national competitions, and by providing event support in the form of thousands of bottles of water consumed during several days of FSAE competition in Lincoln, Neb. In addition, support for a terrific program providing opportunities for our wounded military veterans to engage in motorsports activities - the VETMotorsports organization - expanded in 2018 to \$7,500 and will continue to grow with additional financial support in 2019. And, the Foundation funded two \$1,500 Wendi Allen Memorial

TOGETHER

SCCA and Watkins Glen have been synonymous since the early days of American road racing, with SCCA hosting everything from the first races on the city's street circuit (TOP RIGHT) to races on the purposebuilt road course (ABOVE). Today, the SCCA Archives are housed in Watkins Glen at the IMRRC.



Scholarships in support of the Women on Track initiative of the Club.

Some may wonder what the Foundation plans to do with its growing \$313,000 bankroll. In addition to continuing to support the above core programs at increased levels when warranted, a major project is on the horizon. The SCCA Archives makes up about 33 percent of the total racingrelated collections stored and managed by the IMRRC, and the current facility is bursting at the seams. We expect in the near future that the SCCA Foundation will need to contribute significant sums toward the construction of a new facility in Watkins Glen. The current assets are not nearly enough for the size of facility required, but it is a great starting place from which to grow. We look forward to launching that capital campaign in conjunction with the IMRRC in the near future.

Meanwhile, the SCCA Foundation Board is very excited about the opportunities for 2019. On the fundraising side, everyone can look forward to another great experiencebased sweepstakes starting in the summer. The Formula One VIP package at COTA has been a hit every year and we hope to continue it this year. The Foundation's fundraising committee is also in negotiation for a second amazing trip to be offered as part of a second sweepstakes in the fall of this year, but the details are too preliminary to be released at this writing. We've also received a generous donation from the new Skip Barber Racing School for two three-day racing schools, which will be given away as part of an additional fundraiser in 2019.

Thank you to all of the individual members and SCCA Regions who gave so generously to the SCCA Foundation in 2018. Your support made it possible for the Foundation to accomplish more than ever before. We launch into 2019 with great momentum and a lot to accomplish. •



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2009 NISSAN 370Z PWC TC > Built for PWC TC in 2018. Penske Shocks, SPL suspension. Sparco seat and wheel. MoTeC system, yellow-light system. Enkei wheels. \$45,000. Contact: Steve Bottom at stevebottom44@ gmail.com



1915 MODEL-T FAULTLESS SPEEDSTER > Previous county fair dirt track racer. Upgrades to race from the 1920s. All original except 1960s vinyl seat. Runs great. \$20,000. Contact: Mike (217) 341-4707 or mike@ windsorhomes.com

20 COMPETITION | STREET V



MT. WASHINGTON HILLCLIMB RACECAR > Intercooled

turbocharger, twin cam, 257 torque @ 6,500rpm, dry sump, Quaife 5-speed sequential trans. Tube frame, Racefab suspension, Watts-link rear, Wilwood brakes, Preston Racing Celica body (available separately for \$2,900). 99" wheelbase, rains on new wheels. 1,588 lbs. \$19,900 everything. Contact: Lester (203) 226-0123



2008 CORVETTE T1 > Phoenix Performance built. Limited prep. Penske shocks, Brembo brakes. LS7 engine. All the right stuff. Contact: Joe Aquilante (610) 482-0141 or jfaphoenix32@ aol.com



2007 CORVETTE C6 T1/T2 > Phoenix Performance built. Full race prep. Penske shocks, Brembo brakes. All the right stuff. \$65,000. Contact: Joe Aquilante (610) 482-0141 or jfaphoenix32@ aol.com



2000 RADICAL CLUBSPORT > Race ready. SCCA DSR now P2, 8 championships, 1 SARRC South Championship. 2 sets of rims with slicks and new rain tires. Suzuki GSXR 1,000 by George Dean. Spare side pods, gears, new seat belts and more. Tampa. \$18,900. Contact: Carl (352) 255-9994

20 COMPETITION | STREET V



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26 TOW VEHICLES | TRAILERS



2013 44' VINTAGE OUTLAW > Enclosed-car hauler with 22' LQ that slides out. Garage has tool box, work bench, and electrical outlets. New batteries and tires. \$29,000. Contact: Jim (352) 544-6834

30 OTHER



CUSTOM GARAGES > Custom architectural design for garages, race structures, and distinctive outbuildings throughout New England. Contact: Dan Ferguson at rackandruinracing.com



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TRANS AM WEST COAST C'SHIP Apr 12-14 Thunderhill Raceway Prk, Calif.

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Jun 20-23 Bittsburgh International Race Complex, Pa. Jul 25-28 VIRginia International Raceway, Va. Aug 7-10 Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Ohio

Sep 13-16 Sebring International Raceway, Fla. Oct 31-Nov 3 Circuit of the Americas, Texas



Apr 5-7 Barber Motorsports Park, Ala. Apr 17-20 Road Atlanta, Ga. Jun 21-23 Pittsburgh International Race Complex, Pa. Jul 26-28 VIRginia International Race Comlex, Va.

Sep 13-15 Sebring International Raceway, Fla. Final Round TBD



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HOOSIER SUPER TOUR scca.com/supertour

Mar 15-17 Road Atlanta, Ga. Mar 30-31 Hallett Motor Racing Circiut, Okla.

Apr 12-14 VIRginia Int'l Raceway, Ga. Apr 26-28 Buttonwillow Raceway Park, Calif.

May 18-19 Portland Int'l Raceway, Ore. May 31-Jun 2 Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Ohio Jun 14-16 Road America, Wis. Jun 21-23 Watkins Glen Int'l, N.Y. Jul 26-28 Laguna Seca, Calif.



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Apr 12-14 VIRginia Int'l Raceway, Va. Apr 27-28 Summit Point Raceway, W. Va. May 11-12 Pittsburgh Int'l Race Complex, Pa. Jun 21-23 Watkins Glen Int'l, N.Y. Jul 13-14 Thompson Speedway, Conn. Jul 20-21 NJMP, N.J.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

May 4-5 Blackhawk Farms Raceway, Ill. May 18-19 Gingerman Raceway, Mich. May 31-Jun 2 Mid-Ohio, Ohio Jun 14-16 Road America, Wis. Jul 13-14 Road America, Wis. Aug 10-11 Grattan Raceway, Mich.

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE Mar 15-17 Road Atlanta, Ga. Apr 12-14 VIRginia Int'I Raceway, Va. Jun 8-9 Charlotte Motor Speedway, N.C. Jun 29-30 Roebling Road, Ga.

MID-STATES CONFERENCE

Mar 30-31 Hallett Mtr Rcng Circuit, Okla. Apr 13-14 Gateway Motorsport Park, III. May 18-19 Heartland Mtrsprts Park, Kan. May 25-26 Pueblo Mtrsprts Park, Colo. Jul 6-7 High Plains Raceway, Colo. Aug 10-11 Raceway Park of the Midlands, Iowa

Aug 24-25 High Plains Raceway, Colo.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE Mar 30-31 Hallett Mtr Rcng Circuit, Okla. May 4-5 Eagles Canyon Raceway, Texas May 25-26 MSR Houston, Texas Aug 31-5ep 1 MSR Houston, Texas

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Mar 2-3 Willow Springs Raceway, Calif. Apr 26-28 Buttonwillow Rcway Prk, Calif. May 18-19 Portland Int'l Raceway, Ore. May 25-27 Pacific Raceway, Wash. Jul 26-28 Laguna Seca, Calif.

SCCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RUNOFFS Oct 8-13, 2019 VIRginia Int'I Raceway, Va. REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL

NORTHEAST nediv.org Apr 6-7 Summit Point/Washington DC Apr 20 NJMP/South Jersey May 4-5 Palmer Motorsports Park/New England

May 25-26 New Hampshire Motor Speedway/New England Jun 1-2 NJMP/South Jersey Jun 14-15 Lime Rock Park/New England Jun 15-16 Summit Point/Washington DC Jul 6-7 Watkins Glen/Glen Jul 27-28 Summit Point/Washington DC Aug 3-4 New Hampshire Motor Speedway/New England Aug 10-11 NJMP/South Jersey Aug 31-5ep 2 Summit Point/Washington DC





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Sep 21-22 Watkins Glen/Finger Lakes Sep 28-29 Summit Point/Washington DC Oct 4-5 Thompson Speeday/New England

Oct 26-27 NJMP/South Jersey

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Mar 9-10 # VIR/North Carolina Mar 23-24 # Carolina Motorsports Park/ South Carolina Mar 23-24 v# PBIR/Florida Apr 27-28 Roebline Road/Buccaneer May 4-5 # Daytona Int'l Speedway/ Central Florida May 11-12 # VIR/North Carolina May 18-19 # PBIR/Florida Jun 8-9 # Charlotte Motor Speedway/ Central Carolinas Jun 8-9 v Sebring/Central Florida Jun 22-23 # Homestead/Florida Jun 29-30 Roebling Road/SEDiv

Jul 20-21 #v Sebring/Central Florida Jul 27-28 # Road Atlanta/Atlanta Aug 3-4 Daytona Int'l Speedway/Central Florida Aug 31-Sep 1 #v Sebring/Central Florida

Sep 14-15 # Homestead/Florida Sep 28-29 # Daytona Int'l Speedway/ Central Florida

Oct 18-20 v Sebring/Central Florida

Nov 1-3 Road Atlanta/Atlanta Nov 9-10 # PBIR/Florida

Nov 16-17 Roebling Road/Buccaneer Nov 30-Dec 1 Sebring/Central Florida Alabama, Tennessee (256-200-5541 Atlanta (770) 617-0801 Buccaneer (912) 398-0147 Central Carolinas (704) 898-0141 Central Florida (407) 415-8714 Florida (561) 654-3396 North Carolina (919) 423-6015

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Apr 13-14 Blackhawk Farms/Milwaukee May 25-26 Brainerd/Land O' Lakes Jul 6-7 Brainerd/Land O' Lakes Jul 27-28 Blackhawk Farms/Milwaukee Aug 17-18 Road America/Chicago Aug 24-25 Brainerd/Land O' Lakes Sep 7-8 Blackhawk Farms/Chicago Chicago (920) 377-1926 Land O' Lakes (612) 839-7905 Milwaukee (815) 718-4881

GREAT LAKES greatlakes-scca.org Jun 22-23 Grattan/Western Michigan Jul 13-14 Mid-Ohio/Ohio Valley Jul 20-21 Gingerman/Detroit, South Bend

Aug 3-4 Mid-Ohio/Cincinnati Oct 26-27 Mid-Ohio/Ohio Valley Cincinnati (330) 460-6706 Detroit, South Bend (810) 278-1708 Ohio Valley (330) 460-6706 Western Michigan (616) 754-9583

MIDWEST midiv.org Jun 28-30 Hallett/AVRG July 12-14 Heartland Motorsports Park/ **KVRG** Sep 13-15 Gateway Motorsports

Park/St Louis, South Illinois

SOUTHWEST sowdivscca.org Nov 10 R Eagles Canyon Raceway/Texas Texas (469) 878-1584

ROCKY MOUNTAIN coloradoscca.org May 4-5 La Junta/Continental Divide May 25-26 Pueblo Motorsports Park/ Jun 8-9 La Junta/Continental Divide Jun 8-9 La Junta/Continental Divide Jul 6-7 High Plains Raceway/Colorado Aug 24-25 High Plains Raceway/ Colorado Oct 26-27 La Junta Raceway/ Continental Divide

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Mar 23-24 Summit Point/Washington DC Apr 19 Thompson Speedway/New England

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- TE = Track Event
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Washington DC Apr 20 TE NJMP/South Jersey May 4-5 TT/TE Summit Point/ Washington DC May 25-26 Summit Point/Blue Mountain May 31 TE NJMP/South Jersey Jun 8-9 HC Weatherly, Pa./Northeastern Pennsylvania

Jun 22-23 HC Reading, Pa./Blue

Mountain Jul 6-7 HC Laurel Run. Pa./Northeastern Pennsvlvania Jul 24-25 TE Watkins Glen/Finger Lakes Aug 3-4 HC Flintstone, Md./Washington DC

Aug 9 NJMP/South Jersey Aug 17-18 HC Reading, Pa./Blue Mountain Aug 17-18 TT/TE Summit Point/ Washington DC

Aug 31-Sep 1 TE Summit Point/Steel Cities Sep 14-15 TT/TE Summit Point/ Washington DC

Sep 14-15 HC Weatherly, Pa./ Northeastern Pennsylvania Oct 19-20 TT/TE Summit Point/ Washington DC Oct 25 TE NJMP/South Jersev Nov 11 TE Summit Point/Washington DC Blue Mountain (610) 608-3978 Finger Lakes (585) 328-2617

Northeastern Pennsylvania (570) 655-0576 Steel Cities (412) 771-2277

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Mar 17 TE Road Atlanta/Atlanta Apr 6-7 TT Talladega Grand Prix/ Alabama, Tennessee Valley Apr 13-14 TE Daytona Int'l Speedway/ . Central Florida May 3 TE Daytona Int'l Speedway/ Central Florida Jun 7-8 TT/TE/CRE Sebring/Central Florida Jul 20-21 TE/CRE Sebring/Central Florida Jul 28 TE Road Atlanta/Atlanta Aug 2 TE Daytona Int'l Speedway/Central Florida

Aug 10-11 HC Robbinsville, N.C./Central Carolinas

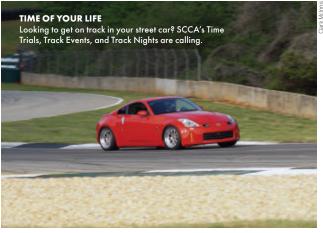
Aug 24-25 TT Barber Motorsports Park/ Alabama, Tennessee Valley Aug 30 TE Sebring/Central Florida Sep 1 TT Sebring/Central Florida Sep 14-15 TE Homestead/Florida Oct 5-6 TT Talladega Grand Prix/ Alabama, Tennessee Valley Oct 11 TE Sebring/Central Florida Oct 18-20 TE Sebring/Central Florida Nov 3 TE Road Atlanta/Atlanta Nov 16-17 TT/TE Roebling Road/Buccaneer Nov 29 TE Sebring/Central Florida Alabama, Tennessee Valley

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GREAT LAKES greatlakes-scca.org Aug 2 TT Mid-Ohio/Cincinnati Oct 25 TT Mid-Ohio/Ohio Valley Cincinnati (330) 460-6706 Ohio Valley (330) 460-6706



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Mar 23 TT Eagles Canyon Raceway/Texas May 11 TT MSR Cresson/Texas Jun 15-16 TT Eagles Canyon/Texas Jul 27 TT Eagles Canyon/Texas Aug 24 TT MSR Cresson/Texas Nov 9-10 TT Eagles Canvon Raceway/Texas Dec 1 TT MSR Cresson/Texas Texas (951) 283-5680

NORTHERN PACIFIC norpacscca.org Mar 31 TT Portland Int'l Raceway/Oregon

Apr 13 TT Thunderhill/San Francisco, Reno Apr 13 TT Thunderhill/Reno Aug 10-11 TT Portland Int'l Raceway/Oregon Sep 14-15 TT Portland Int'l Raceway/Oregon Oregon (503) 730-9007 Reno (775) 450-1393 San Francisco (530) 934-4455

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

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Nov 9-10 TE Buttonwillow Raceway/ Cal Club Cal Club (661) 304-9382

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Jul 5-6 Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, Conn. Jul 27-28 Gingerman Raceway, Mich. Sep 27-29 (TT Nationals) NCM Motorsports Park, Ky.

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

Atlanta Motorsports Park, Ga./April 3, May 8, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11 Auto Club Speedway, Calif./Feb. 23, April 5, June 22, Aug. 24 Blackhawk Farms, Ill. /May 2, June

12, July 16, Aug 7, Sept. 11

Carolina Motorsports Park, S.C./May 10, June 26, Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 16

Charlotte Motor Speedway, N.C./ April 26, June 6, July 19, Aug. 16

Dakota County Technical College Driver Training Facility, Minn./May 17, June 21, July 25, Aug. 15, Sept. 13

Dominion Raceway, Va./April 18, May 17, June 27, Aug. 15, Sept. 19

GingerMan Raceway, Mich./May 16, June 13, July 17, Aug. 8, Sept. 12

Harris Hill Raceway, Texas/March 20, April 10, May 8, June 5, Sept. 18, Oct. 16

Heartland Motorsports Park, Kan./ April 25, May 17, June 13, July 12, Aug. 8, Sept. 19, Oct. 17

High Plains Raceway, Colo./May 29, July 17, Aug. 14, Sept. 18 Lime Rock Park, Conn./May 22. May 23. June 13

Memphis International Raceway, Tenn./March 26, April 23, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10

MotorSport Ranch, Texas/March 19, April 9, May 7, June 4, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 New Hampshire Motor

Speedway, N.H./May 24 New Jersey Motorsports Park,

N.J./April 23, May 21, June 25, July 24, Aug. 13, Sept. 10

NOLA Motorsports Park, La./ March 21, April 11, May 16 Pacific Raceways, Wash./May

24. June 21. July 17 Palm Beach International Raceway, Fla./Feb. 19, March 19, April 23, May 21, June 18, Aug. 20, Sept.

17, Oct. 22, Nov 12, Dec 10 Palmer Motorsports Park, Mass./May 2, June 6, June 27, July 18, Aug. 8, Sept. 5

Pittsburgh International Race Complex. Pa./April 24, May 22, June 6, June 22, July 23, Aug. 14, Sept. 11

Pocono Raceway, Pa./April 17, May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 27, Sept. 16

Portland International Raceway, Ore/ May 17, June 7, July 5, Aug. 9

Ridge Motorsports Park, Wash./May 16, June 6, July 23, Aug. 7, Sept. 12 Road Atlanta, Ga./April 24, June 27, July 26

Sebring International Raceway, Fla./Sept. 12 Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park,

Conn./April 23, May 9, June 18, July 11, July 30, Aug. 22, Sept. 12, Oct. 3

Thunderhill Raceway Park, Calif./ March 21, April 18, May 23, June 13, Aug. 15, Sept. 12

VIRginia International Raceway, Va./July 25

STREET SURVIVAL SCHOOLS Mar 2 Atlanta Motor Speedway, Ga./

Atlanta Mar 10 Portland International Raceway,

Ore./Oregon **Apr 6** Xerox Corporation, N.Y./Finger Lakes

Apr 6 Dade County High School, Ga./ Chattanooga

Apr 13 Montgomery Co. Community College, Pa./Philadelphia

Apr 28 Boardman Park, Ohio/Majoning

Valley Apr 28 Air Force Research Laboratory,

N.Y./Central New York

Apr 28 Saratoga Auto Museum, N.Y./ Mohawk Hudson

Jun 1 Lincoln Airpark, Neb./Nebraska Jun 15 Montgomery Co. Community

College, Pa./Philadelphia Jun 22 Fort Dorchester High School/

South Carolina

Jul 13 NCM Motorsports Park, Ky./ Tennessee

Oct 7 Air Force Research Laboratory, N.Y./Central New York

Oct 20 Portland International Raceway, Ore./Oregon

SOLO

TIRE RACK' SCCA SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR

Mar 15-17 South Georgia Motorsports Park, Ga. Mar 21-24 zMAX Dragway, N.C. Mar 29-31 Texas TBD Apr 26-28 Crows Landing Airport, Calif. May 25-27 Lincoln Airpark, Neb. Jun 7-10 Seneca Army Depot, N.Y. Jul 5-7 Bristol Motor Speedway, Tenn. Jul 12-14 Hampton Mills Lumber Yard, Wash

Jul 26-28 Grissom Aeroplex, Ind. TIRE RACK[®] SCCA SOLO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sep 3-6 Lincoln Airpark, Neb. TIRE RACK[®] SCCA PROSOLO

Mar 29-31 Crows Landing, Calif. Apr 5-7 Auto Club Speedway, Calif. Apr 12-14 Grenada Municipal Airport, Miss. May 3-5 New Meadowlands Sports Complex. N.J. May 23-25 Lincoln Airpark, Neb.

May 31-Jun 2 Mineral Wells Airport, Texas Jun 14-16 Grissom Aeroplex, Ind. Jul 5-7 Heartland Motorsports Park, Kan. Jul 19-21 Hampton Mills Old Lumber

Yard, Wash. Aug 2-5 Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport, Mich. Aug 30-Sep 1 Lincoln Airpark, Neb.

TIRE RACK[®] MATCH TOUR.

Jun 14-16 San Diego County Credit Union Stadium, Calif.

Jul 3-5 Bristol Motor Speedway, Tenn. CAM CHALLENGE

Mar 21-23 ZMax Dragway, N.C. Apr 12-14 Grenada Airport, Miss. Apr 26-28 Crows Landing Airport, Calif. May 31-Jun 2 Mineral Wells Airport, Texas Jun 14-16 San Diego Credit Union Stadium, Calif. Aug 9-11 Grisson Aeroplex, Ind. Sep 3-4 Lincoln Airpark, Neb.

STARTING LINE SCHOOLS

May 11 Front Range Airport, Colo./ Colorado Sep 14 Atlanta Motor Speedway, Ga./

Atlanta Nov 16 Crows Landing, Calif./San Francisco

REGIONAL

NORTHEAST nediworg Apr 20 Splish Splash Park/New York Apr 28 New Meadowlands Sports Complex/Northern New Jersey Apr 28 Bader Field/Southern Jersey May 19 Splish Splash Park/New York May 19 Bader Field/South Jersey May 25 New Meadowlands Sports Complex/Northern New Jersey Jun 9 Bader Field/South Jersey

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Jul 20 Ebensburg Airport/Allegheny Highlands

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THIS IS FUN – SERIOUSLY

've been having some serious fun recently. It all started in November when my Region, Cal Club, hosted a 90-minute enduro. Endurance racing may be nothing new to you, but SCCA enduros are rare in my neck of the woods, so I've only ever entered one other enduro - and I blew the car up 33 minutes into that one. So, while that event was enjoyable, I feel that a race ending with a bang can always be improved upon.

For this enduro, my co-driver and I added a new element: we raced on street tires. While you can read more about that on pg. 42 of this issue, what I didn't say in that feature is how much fun I had.

The enduro took place the first weekend of November, so two weeks earlier I had been competing at the 2018 National Championship Runoffs at Sonoma Raceway. The Runoffs is fun, don't get me wrong; it's just that for all of the fun that the Runoffs is, it's also equally intense. I love the Runoffs, but competing in a week-long National Championship event is exhausting both physically and mentally. The enduro, meanwhile, wasn't for all the beans - in fact, there were no beans. It was purely for fun.

Then came the SCCA National Convention in mid January, where SportsCar's Associate Editor Jason Isley and I decided to wage our own interoffice CAM

"It turns out that doing something purely for fun can be - dare I say it - really fun"

Challenge at the Las Vegas Region autocross that took place the day after the Convention. We selected our weapons from the media vehicle fleets in Los Angeles, with him choosing a 2019 Dodge Challenge R/T Scat Pack Widebody while I wielded a 2019 Ford Mustang Bullitt. I lost to Jason, and we were both summarily pummeled by a driver

in a well-prepped CAM-C car, but boy-howdy was that a blast. Adding a personal challenge element to the event and not caring about the overall results completely changed the flavor. The smile on my face lasted for the whole drive back to L.A.

In California, our SCCA Road Racing season begins early. The U.S. Majors Tour kicked off for us during the first weekend in February, and the weather forecast called for rain - nonstop, torrential rain. The forecast was so grim that a third of those preregistered backed out, but I opted to join those who decided to weather the weather, so to speak. I figured I'd go for the experience of racing in the rain and take whatever came my way.

What came my way was a lake at the end of the back straight that was truly intense. I would hydroplane down the straights and then plunge into that bath using the water resistance as brakes - and I giggled the entire time.

(It should also be noted that almost no workers backed out of the weekend, proving once again how dedicated and amazing SCCA's workers are.)

This truly has been one of the best starts to any race season for me, and I'm pumped. There's an enduro again in November, and I'm making plans to crew for someone who's never done an SCCA Track Event just so I can experience that through her eyes. And then I'm looking for more fun to add to my plate. It turns out that doing something purely for fun can be - dare I say it - really fun. •



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FROM THE ARCHIVES



• We covered the 40th birthday of Formula Ford, a class full of legendary drivers and steeped in history that is still going strong today. • Fresh off the track at Heartland Park - and a Runoffs win - we looked inside the GT-2 Nissan 350Z of Jim Goughary.

25 YEARS AGO ... **APRIL 1994**

 The SCCA Pro Racing Trans Am Series visited Miami for Round 1. and Tommy Kendall showed the fast way to the beach with a flag-to-flag victory.

 National Convention coverage graced the pages, and it was a special one as the Club celebrated 50 years.

50 YEARS AGO ... **APRIL 1969**

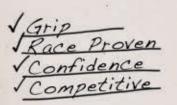


• The 1968 National Convention in photos, plus the Annual Report, were part of the coverage - it was an unusually quiet year. • Misery Bay Region had been

granted its provisional charter, making it the 104th in the Club, and Carl J. Garski Jr. was the RE.

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