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February 25th



Registration now open on MSR for Time Trials
Dyno Day on April 14th

RE Connection



As I watch the Rolex 24 and type this message, it has become obvious that the racing season is coming very quickly. DMVR will be very busy over the next few months getting ready for the most events we have run in a few seasons.

The Solo program for 2018 is coming together. Jerry Grogan is working hard on the solo schedule. We will get the schedule out as soon as we can.

The SCCA has initiated a rebranding of the track program. The current PDX program will now be referred to as "Track Events" but the format stays the same. The Club trials program will also keep the same format, but the new name is "Time Trials level 1". Time trials level 2 will now include the prior track trials program. These changes were all done to better connect potential drivers to these SCCA programs. Speaking of branding, the regional Time Trials Level 1 (Club Trials) program that we started late last year has now grown to the division level. We are working out details with MiDiv to form the MiDiv Time Trials Championship series and expect to have official approval at the convention.

Majors planning meetings are ongoing. We are working on the Supplemental regulations with a target completion date of Feb 15th. Registration is targeted to be open by March 1st. These events do not happen with-out a lot of support, so if you are interested in being a part of the team contact Erich at re@dmvrscca.org for details.

The Prototype competition is heating up in the Rolex 24, so it is time to go!

See you next month

Erich Pfalzgraf

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CALENDAR



February

6 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

9-10 MiDiv Convention Kansas City

25 **Club Racing Drivers Meeting** Chuck Hemmingson Harlan Donaldson

March

6 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

TBD Crash Fire Rescue TBD TBD Solo Drivers Meeting TBD

April

3 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

14 Time Trial Dyno Day Skunk River Restoration Randy Sams

May

1 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

19-20 **Majors Race/TT** Iowa Speedway Erich Pfalzgraf

June

5 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

8-10 Time Trial at RPM Tentative Fred Bell

(Not part of MiDiv TT Championship Series)



2018 Time Trials Schedule

- April 28-29 Heartland Park Majors/CT
- May 19-20 Iowa Speedway Majors/CT
- June 2-3 Gateway Motorsports Park
- July 21-22 Heartland Park Regional/PDX/CT
 - August 11 RPM PDX/CT
 - Sept 01-02 Hallett OK Regional/PDX/CT
- Sept 22-23 RPM Regional/PDX/CT (CT Championship Weekend)

April 14th TT Dyno Day – Skunk River Restoration, Ames June 8-10 Tentative – TT at RPM (not part of MiDiv TT Championship Series)



BoD Minutes DMVR Board Minutes January 2, 2018 Minute by Minute

1/2/18 DMVR General Minutes by Minutes

17 attendees Started Meeting at 6:50pm

CTT: Erich

Rule set posted to website, please start looking these, 8 pages

Discussion about clauses in Rules

Discussion about Dino in Ames at Steve

Myers big possibility.

Dates posted for PDX, CTT and Club racing. Informed IA Speedway that Majors race can't be moved or changed.

3 Sponsors for CTT Right now, waiting on finals draft before posting sponsors for Awards/Trophies, more sponsorships available for opportunities. Class stickers and Sponsor stickers will be given out.

Meeting Jan. 9th online.

Registration will open sometime in February.

Club: Erich

Meeting set up

Sups being worker on, trying to get FNC/tech lined up, no one wants to lock in dates.

Good committed workers from other regions, always looking for more.

Discussion about workers

RPM discussed about future next year. This year DMVR is the Admin. Later discussion to be made with board members.

Solo: Randy/Jerry

Tentative Schedule will be posted and emailed soon

Discussed dates that can't work or may need moved because of Holidays or other events.

More changes could come.

Discussion about can an event take place with neither Jerry or Randy?

Treasurer: Fred

2017 is in the positive.

Discussion

Street survival dates being worked on.

Membership: Chas

No new members

Working on a Directory of members, if posted electronic it will just be names, no email, no phone, etc.

Discussion lots of Discussion

Doug working on helping scholarships for

Directory.

Discussion

Workers: Joyce

Events planned and hoping to attend and few.

Discussion

Assistant: Chris

1st Tuesday meeting scheduled for Smokey

D's all year. Discussion

Dates and Times of Solo needed. March 4^{th}

tentative for Solo Meeting. MB2

New Items:

No new Items.

Board Meeting Minutes for 1/2/18

Roll Call: Missing Harlan, Bob Eddy here instead. No unfinished Business

New Business:

Fred: Make Street Survival to \$500.

Vote to Motion Chas, Jerry second,

Passed

Fred: Bob Mower will review the 2017

financial report.

Erich: RPM \$2,000 deposit down, request to approve Aug 11, Sept 22 and 23rd

Vote to motion Randy, Chris second,

Passed

Discussion about RPM, Erich reviewing contract, Fred will review at a later date.

Erich: CTT group with Driver's Meeting?

Discussion

Erich: Amendment for Annual Meeting 30

days before or after the new year.

Thoughts: **Chris**: 90 days from run offs or

end of racing season.

Randy: Annual Banquet/Meeting one per year. Who voted for it the members or the Board? More Discussion at a later date. Not Voted on

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Membership News Chas Beeler

February Birthdays:

Steven Beckett
Dana Conrad
Elizabeth Gaul
Roseann Genovese
Brian Holden
Justin Joines
Ed Logan
Bob Marmon
Jeffrey Meeker
Casey Richards
Howard Roth
Kathleen Talbot

February Anniversaries:

Denise Wieman 35 Years Kenneth De Nault 25 Years Daniel Wieman 10 Years Steve Genovese 5 Years Roseann Genovese 5 Years



New Members:

Jack Kilby Matthew Thompson

Change of address:

None

Minutes Continued:

Erich: with CTT joining do we want a new member on the Board.

Thoughts: **Fred**: Comp Director?? Info provider? **Bob**: What does the job entail? **Erich**: Needs a new body. **Bob**: Whoever could help Harlan and Harlan could help the person learn the role.

Discussion

Not Voted on

Erich: Program computer web meeting discussed. 14 day free trial is good for next two scheduled meetings. Not personal web meeting but DMVR. New email provided with another optional program

Discussion

To vote next time about email options and web meeting options. Group Email link not working for most. Options on the table right now: GotoMeetings 39.99 a month. Google 15.00 a month. Any Free options or other options to RE

Meeting adjourned approx.. 25 min.

Respectfully Submitted by Tara Box-Walker, Secretary

MiDiv SCCA Time Trials Championship Series Championship Points System

1. Competitors will accrue points only in their declared SCCA TT class.



- 2. Points will be awarded on a session basis. A event will include 2-3 timed sessions depending on the event.
- 3. Points will be awarded to competitors who finish at least 1 lap in any sessions.
- 4. The fastest lap time of the session will be used to determine the session finishing position by class.
- 5. Session points will be used for calculating season points for the championship.
- 6. A driver must participate in a minimum of 6 events (per class) to be eligible for championship series trophies, awards, or prizes at the end of the year.
- 7. The Season Championship event will count for double points.
- 8. Points will be distributed for each session as follows: 1st- 50, 2nd- 40, 3rd- 35, 4th- 30, 5th- 25, 6th- 24, 7th- 23, 8th- 22, 9th- 21, 10th20...and so on, subtracting one (1) point for each position after 10th. In the extremely unlikely event that two competitors end a session with the same exact fast lap time, a tie will be declared, and both competitors will get the same number of points for the session. The next closest competitor will get points for the position two places down from the tied pair.
- 9. In the event of a tie for season points, the winner will be decided using the following criteria in the order listed, until the tie is broken: Most 1st places. Most 2nd places. Most 3rd places. Most 4th places, etc.
- 10. Season championship awards will be given to the top 3 positions in each class after the completion of all events.
- 11. Additional awards will be presented for the Fast Lap in each class for the event. "Most Improved Driver" award for the weekend. This will awarded to the driver who has the most improved lap times for the weekend across all classes. "Driver Awareness" award for the weekend. This awarded to the driver who uses judgement and skill to avoid on track issues. This is a very special award because the winner is determined by a vote of the workers for the weekend.

Time Trials Dyno Day April 14th

This will be a full day of TT prep. You will be able to apply for your TT license, Dyno your car, and get help with classing, as well as ask questions of the organizers and fellow competitors.



This will be an all day event and lunch will be provided. Please stay for longer than your time slot and be willing to help roll cars and help where needed.

The dyno run will consist of three pulls per run. This will get you your HP rating for TT classing. We will be doing three runs per hour.

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Time Trials Nationals



Unveiled during the 2018 SCCA® National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Sports Car Club of America® announced creation of a new Time Trial Nationals event that joins the ranks of the National Championship Runoffs®, Solo Nationals, RallyCross National Championship and Unites States Road Rally Challenge.

Scheduled to take place Sept. 28-30 at NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the Time Trial (TT) Nationals will open with a full day of track lapping sessions for testing and practice, or can be used for participants to earn their TT novice license permit.

Heyward Wagner, SCCA's Director of Marketing and Experiential Programs, said, "If you've never participated in a TT event before, people can come out Friday and earn a TT novice permit. That will let them compete the rest of the weekend and, if everything goes well, receive an SCCA TT license by the end of the weekend."

The second day of TT Nationals will open with 20-minute seeding sessions used to determine run groups and orders, followed by a traditional time attack in the afternoon where drivers get one warm-up lap, then have a single lap to post their best time.

For the final day of TT Nationals, NCM Motorsports Park will be divided into sections for point-to-point runs. Each competitor will have multiple chances to put down their best time on the shortened segments of track.

Wagner said a committee consisting of SCCA members and national staff is currently constructing a rules set for TT Nationals, as well as addressing car classes for the event. Fourteen classes are being considered and include slots for vintage cars and electric vehicles.

"This year we aim to establish SCCA as the leader in amateur Time Trials competition in the United States," Wagner said. "Additionally, we will look to generate an event format for the TT Nationals that can be adopted in whole or parts by regions for their TT events. We want to help regions see how TT can be a useful tool for drawing automotive enthusiasts to the Club to have fun with cars."

Mike Cobb, SCCA President & CEO, said partnering with the SCCA for the TT Nationals will be Mobil 1, Koni, Hawk and the NCM Motorsports Park.

"With the help of partners and an experienced group of SCCA members, I'm sure the TT Nationals will grow to be another gem in our Club's championship crown," Cobb said. "To some degree, TT Nationals combines the Runoffs with Solo Nationals. There will be competition, there will be comradery, and there will be plenty extracurricular social activities."

Announcement of the TT Nationals comes on the heels of the recent rebranding of a group of activities existing between autocross and road racing, activities that occur on closed courses but do not involve door-to-door competition. This group of activities, which were once all bundled under the Time Trials banner, now each have a separate identity within the SCCA. Moving forward, all on-track, competitive, timed events will be branded as Time Trials (TT). Non-competitive events will be branded as Track Events (TE), and Hillclimbs remain unchanged. This rebranding, however, does not impact how divisions or regions run programs.

2017 Season Wrap Up

By Ken DeNault

There is not much to report. Family obligations and scheduling problems limited the season to just 5 races. I did win each but the turnout was poor. The only challenge was to see if I could set any track records. And I did. I set 4 FS track records which is surprising because I am racing essentially an unmodified Formula Mazda, other than using Hoosier



tires. The last race was perhaps the most satisfying, no track records but an overall win. The race was at Black Hawk Farms in Wisconsin. It rained. I was gridded 7th behind a couple of Atlantics and FEs. During the pace lap, it just opened up and poured! A drenching rain. Anywhere but first on a rain start is challenging. The green flag came out and the big studs took off only to spin in turn one. I managed to move to 5th and up to 3rd going into turn 5-6. Here, the lead car spun and I avoided the collision but got passed by a speedy Formula Ford. We got one lap in with carnage all over the race track and they pulled out a full-course yellow. I was second behind the Ford. Around and around we went in a gully washer of a down pour. At last, we got a restart. By now, the "rain line" was anywhere that did not have deep standing water. I took the inside line into turn one and passed the Ford as he attempted to keep his car on the track. From there, it was keep ahead, keep on the track, and win, which I did. Rain is a wonderful equalizer! All that horsepower with no place to put it.

Hopefully, there will be more racing next season. I am in hopes the crew will be able to make some "modifications" this winter so we can continue to chase track records.

Ken



STREET SURVIVAL is now \$95!!

As many of you know the fee for ALL TRSS Schools is \$95 starting 1/1/18. With changes comes a new program for the regions and "Thank you" for all TireRack Street Survival Volunteers!

NEW PROGRAM for all SCCA Regions!

Starting in 2018 ALL SCCA Regions will be receiving \$60 per

student! That's a 20% increase in revenue to region!!!

\$1,000 Sponsorship from Michelin and Enterprise remains the

20% INCREASE

same. The SCCA Foundation will retain \$35 for each student and the BMWCCA still receives \$150 for each SCCA TRSS School.

The Drivers/Workers meeting is a GO on Feb 25th!



Where: Chuck and Marie Hemmingson's 4703 Valley View Ln West Des Moines

Supps:

1. Bring your favorite chili and a serving ladle.

Bringing chili is optional, not a requirement to attend.

2. BYOB: beer, wine, mixed drinks, or other beverage of choice



Schedule of events:



3a. False grid or showtime at 11:30ish.

3b. Green Flag or Chili at 12:30ish.

3c. Slick Flag or Meeting, lies, fellowship beginning at 1ish.

3d. Checker when the beer's gone.

3e. Have I lost you yet drivers?

If you do manage to get lost on the way there call 515-707-4924 for harassment and directions.

See you there!!! Harlan

What is my name?

Frankensaturn

Next month "The

Adventures of

Frankensaturn"





Summary of 2018 SCCA National Convention By Bob Eddy

During my 51 years as a member of SCCA, I have attended between 30-35 National Conventions. The 2018 National Convention was definitely one of the best! The event was very well organized and laid out. I heard all the seminars were well executed. SouthPointe Resort was an excellent venue – the rooms were large and comfortable - a good deal at only \$100 per night.

In three days I attended a total of 18 seminars. I learned a lot from Racing to Solo to RallyCross, to Street Survival. Included in the 600 attendees were four DMVR members: Marina Kraft, Kelly Huxtable, Duane Roast, and myself. The new SCCA president Mike Cobb was very impressive and seems like a real winner. He was a SCCA member in the Texas Region for 10 years before being hired as SCCA president.

The registration fee for the event was under \$300 and included a large welcome party with beer & wine on Thursday night, breakfast & lunch both Friday & Saturday, and the Saturday night banquet. My round trip airfare was \$300. All in all it was an affordable and informative trip and I would highly recommend DMVR members attend the National Convention in the future. The following was the schedule this year – as you can see there was something for everyone!

THURSDAY	Noon - 3:30 pm	Region Leadership Training - Navigating SCCA: Tools and Tips for Success TBA							
	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Annual Meeting & Region Awards Grand Ballroom B							
	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Welcome Party Grand Ballroom A							
FRIDAY	8:00 - 8:30 am	Leadership Summit Kickoff Sonoma A							
	8:45 - 9:45 am	Leadership Course 101 Chris Robbins							
	10:00 - 11:00 am	Great Leadership Makes Great Events TBA		T&S Session TBA	Women's Initiative TBA	Race Chair 101 TBA		Regional RoadRally as a Social Activity TBA	
	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	Social Media Marketing 101 TBA	RE Panel 1	Registrar - Working Together for a Better Experience TBA	F & C Holding a St	chool for Flaggers Solo Tow		n Hall TBA	
	12:15 - 1:15 pm	Closed Meeting: Regional Executives with BoD		Lunch Break					

1:30 - 2:30 pm	Registration Using MSR Brian Ghidinelli	Solo Novice F	Program TBA	Organizing & Running Rally Sprint & Rally Trials TBA		Promoting the SCCA Experience TBA
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Race Chair 201 TBA	How to Run a Street Survival Program TBA		RallyCross Town Hall		Jr. Karting TBA
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Growth and Development of a RallyCross Program TBA a RallyCross Program TBA		Solo Registration Tips & Tricks TBA		Road Rally Safety Steward Training TBA	
5:15 - 6:30 pm	Club Racing Town Hall			Enhance Your Solo Program TBA		RoadRally Town Hall

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SATURDAY	8:00 - 9:00 am	Leadership Course 201 Chris Robbins						
S	9:15 - 10:15 am	Best Tech Practices TBA	I RE Panel 2 Rally Sprint Safety		int Safety	Solo Chair 101 TBA	How to Hold a Track Day TBA	
	10:30 - 11:30 am	Risk Management & Insurance Panel: K & K & Willis		Social Media Marketing 201 TBA	Greenpower TBA	What RX has 10 classes and electric in modified?		Time Trials Town Hall
	Noon - 1:15 pm	Lunch Break						
	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Critical Incident Management Kathy Barnes		Solo Development Coordinator Program Raleigh and Velma Boreen		Social Media Marketing 301 TBA	Holding Multiple SCCA Events in One Region	Unique Region Events TBA
	2:45 - 3:45 pm			g MSR Part 2 Brian inelli	Creating New Events TBA	Taking the Green At Full Speed: A Planning Workshop for Entire Region	Tracks and Regions: Building a Relationship TBA	
	4:00 - 4:30 pm	Leadership Summit Closing Session Sonoma C						
	Cocktail Reception 6:00 - 7:00 pm PreFunction (outside Grand Ballroom B)							
		Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet 7:00 - 8:00 pm						
	Ceremony 8:00 - 9:30 Grand Ballroom B							



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Have you signed the WAIVER?

Did you sign the waiver?

Reminder: To be eligible for coverage under the SCCA Plan, one of requirements is a person must have signed the proper event waiver release. When arriving at the event, please remember to sign the waiver!

Thank you!