

# *Offside Undo*

**KANSAS  
REGION**  
Sports Car Club of America

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October 2007

***R.E. Port***

*Larry Hinton, Regional Executive*

For many people in Kansas, fall is the best time of the year. We have great weather, great community events in the small towns and cities, and the SCCA Solo and Club Racing National Championships! Right now we're between the two Championships.

What a great Tire Rack Solo National Championships at Heartland Park Topeka! The week started with Ron Williams taking a ProSolo Championship. For Ron years of hard work has paid off! Ron didn't stop and also won the GS Solo Championship. Once again Bo Rader won in GP. Another first time champion is Christine Cutrer in GPL. Christine returned to Kansas just in time! Congratulations to our National Champions. Former member Ryan Buetzer swept to his third Championship in CS. He obviously learned well from his Kansas Region parents, Eric & Carol.

I won't go into further detail. I'm sure there's an in depth article on Solo Championships. Congratulations to the winners, the two runner-ups, 4 in the trophies and all who competed. Kansas Region was well represented.

Thanks to all the volunteers. We must have had a record number of volunteers helping to make the event a great occasion for all who attended. Thanks to those who took off work, altered their schedules, or took time from Runoffs preparation to help those who Solo.

Now it's the week of the Runoffs! Don't wait for the TV show - get out and participate in the live action!! The weather HAS to be better than last year. More viewing berms are open and Kansas Region drivers are better prepared than ever. We look for more Championships and podium finishes. Remember, the best place to watch is on the track. Next year, be a driver or worker!

Thanks to those who have volunteered to work the Runoffs. As always, we can use more workers all season and at the Runoffs.

Other upcoming events are noted in this issue of the Undo. The Rally Cross National Championships are coming up at Hastings, Nebraska. Go get dirty! The Prather Barn Party/Annual Meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. We have a big election of officers and revision of the bylaws ballot coming. We need your vote!!

Annual Awards Banquet Committee is chaired by Julie Avard! She needs help! Contact Julie and help plan our annual bash!

See you at the Runoffs and all our coming events!

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***Hey, where do you guys meet?***

**Barn Party  
at Prathers!  
October 28, 4:00  
PM**

See flyer in this issue and at  
[www.kansasregoincsca.org](http://www.kansasregoincsca.org)

### ***SCCA Edition of Book Guides Prospective Racers***

The Sports Car Club of America, Inc. (SCCA) announces an exciting partnership with Dragon Publishing to distribute its comprehensive guide to motorsports participation, "Go Ahead – Take the Wheel." The special SCCA Edition of the book provides step-by-step instructions for racing enthusiasts with aspirations of racing in their own racecar.



Gran's book guides readers through various forms of racing starting with Solo events held on large open paved lots, Performance Driving Experience events (PDX) held on permanent road course race tracks, and competitive wheel-to-wheel Club Racing with a racecar. "Go Ahead – Take the Wheel" also describes what the prospective racer can expect when entering the world of SCCA Club Racing, steps on building or purchasing a racecar, safety considerations, detailed costs for budgets ranging from economy to extravagant and much more.

Issues of "Go Ahead – Take the Wheel" are ready for immediate shipment by placing your order on the SCCA merchandise web site ([www.sccacollection.com](http://www.sccacollection.com)) or by calling 888-267-2187 for \$16.95, plus shipping and handling.

*These are the duly elected officers of the Kansas Region for 2007. Please feel free to contact any one them at anytime for information, suggestions, and concerns.*



# SPOOKTACULAR BARN PARTY

PRATHER'S 5422 SW 93<sup>rd</sup> St.

OCT 28, 2007

4:00 PM

General Membership meeting and  
nominations for next years officers!!

**MEAT AND DRINKS PROVIDED BY THE  
CLUB. PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO  
SHARE.**

**TABLE SERVICE ALSO PROVIDED.**

PLEASE RSVP TO KATHY BY OCT 24<sup>TH</sup>!!!

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Tired of watching TV on Wednesday nights?

For an hour, we can break that spell!

**'Shifting Gears'  
presented by the  
Sports Car Club of America**

The Shifting Gears webcast on [www.racinboys.com](http://www.racinboys.com) is now known as Shifting Gears Presented by the Sports Car Club of America. This promises to be a unique and fun outlet for an hour every Wednesday night for SCCA members to e-mail and call in during a live audio webcast about ANY SCCA subject. Videos of the show are posted about two hours later for viewing at your convenience on [www.racinboys.com](http://www.racinboys.com).

**Future programming will include:**

**October 9:** Live interviews from the SCCA National Championship Runoffs® presented by AT & T qualifying days featuring the youth volunteers of the SCCA Runoffs. Plus: Qualifying updates: Who's hot and Who's not.

**October 17:** The RallyCross National Championships and the United States Road Rally Challenge with an in-studio interview with Pego Mack, SCCA's RallyCross and Rally Manager plus a Runoffs wrap-up.

You call in live to ask questions or chat at (888) 883-6363. You can register for the forums at [www.racinboys.com](http://www.racinboys.com) in order to send e-mails. The registration process can take a few hours, so please register today to participate tomorrow in all future webcasts!

Click "Live Broadcast - On Air to listen" logo on upper left side of [RacinBoys.com](http://RacinBoys.com) home page to hear the LiVE audio at 7:00 p.m. CT on Wednesday nights. Video replay will be available on demand be going to the video section.

**SCCA Board of Directors Meeting  
Held at the Home of RE Larry Hinton  
September 12, 2007**

**Those present:** John Schultz, Carol Buetzer, Bill Cutrer, Frank Wietharn, Dwight Cowan, Kent Prather, Randy Gregg, Ron Williams, Julie Avard, David Avard, Rick Taylor, Larry Hinton, Sue Cowan

7:00 RE Larry Hinton calls the meeting to order

After time to review the minutes Randy Gregg makes a motion to accept the minutes as written, Kent Prather makes the second, all were in favor.

**Treasurers** report was then presented by Randy Gregg. After discussion Frank Wietharn makes the motion to accept the report as presented Kent Prather makes the second all were in favor.

**Membership & Historian** report were combined and given by Rick Taylor. Our membership is at 285 as of September 12, 2007. Also, Rick gave an update to the issue that he brought up last month concerning the boundary lines that were established in the past and that he is looking into changing.

**Offside Undo & Website** – Unfortunately Mike Dickerson is not able to attend the meetings held on this night due a prior commitment with Shifting gears webcast on racinboys.com. There has been an *Undo* sent out recently. The website is being brought up to date and is looking good.

**Publicity** – This position is still vacant. If anyone is interested please see any board member.

**Road Racing** – No new racing news to report.

**Solo report** given by the new Solo Director David Avard and Julie Avard. There was a handout attached to the meeting agenda going over worker assignments, since that time there were a few changes. Julie will be forwarding those changes to me (as of yet have not got them). We do have a solo national contract with SCCA. They would like to have a couple of nice “cool” older cars on display at the hotel for the banquets and awards dinners. Any suggestions or ideas contact Mike Dickerson. There was some discussion concerning having a solo committee to report to the solo director (instead of the position of Assistant Solo Director). To keep the by-laws updated John Schultz makes a motion to adjust the by-laws to add assistant(s) where needed under the solo director.

**Rally –**

**Old Business –**

**Nominating Committee** – Randy Gregg will be the third member of the nominating committee for the 2008 slate of officers.

## Kansas Rally Weekend

Rallyists in northeastern Kansas and the Kansas City area will have several opportunities to enjoy Sunday drives in the country and to compete with other rallyists in time-speed-distance events as the rally schedule for 2007 has been finalized.

Saturday, November 10, the Jarbalo Jog III Rally will once again traverse the roads of rural Leavenworth and Jefferson counties. (Note the date change).

Sunday, November 11 will see the "Pavement Ends" Rally, the event name signifying the fact that mostly unpaved roads will be used for this tour of Douglas, Jefferson and Leavenworth counties.

Details, when finalized, will be posted on the Kansas and Kansas City Region web sites. For further information contact [Rich Bireta](mailto:rbireta@gmail.com) at [rbireta@gmail.com](mailto:rbireta@gmail.com).

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**Barn party** – The annual Prather Barn Party will be held October 28, 2007, it will start at 4:00 in the afternoon.

**Street Survival** – It has been determined that it would be better if our first ever Street Survival be pushed back to the spring of 2008.

### New Business –

**Runoffs** – Needing volunteers to work four hour shifts in the membership booth. If interested see Mike Dickerson or Larry Hinton.

**Banquet Committee and planning** – Julie Avard will head up the committee this year.

**First Gear brochures** – We have been selected as pilots for the new brochures with the intent to focus on the under 25 year olds at colleges, universities and any place else kids with cars in our region would hang out. The board of directors would sure like to have your input and ideas on this pilot. Please contact any board member with your ideas.

Bill Cutrer brought to the meeting Kansas City's used timing system that is for sale. It would serve as a backup for our current system and is compatible with that system. New the system would cost approximately \$2,200.00, Kansas City is wanting \$1,000.00. Frank Wietharn makes the motion to offer \$800.00 for the system (but we would be willing to go up to \$1,000) Kent Prather makes the second and after more discussion the motion carried.

Next meeting will be October 28, 2007 at 4:00 in the afternoon at the home of Kent and Kathy Prather for the Annual Barn Party. Hope to see a lot of you there.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cowan  
Secretary

## Weekend Membership for Solo and Rally

Greetings SCCA Region Leaders.

Since its very inception the Sports Car Club of America has had membership as a core component of its purpose. While we tend to focus on our various events and how to make them successful, the reason we conduct those events is "for the instruction and enjoyment of its members" to quote the "Purpose" section of the SCCA Bylaws.

Inherent in that purpose is the need to continually encourage fellow auto enthusiasts to join the fun that is the SCCA. It is not an overstatement to proclaim that membership is the lifeblood of the Club, as members not only provide the core of our event participation ranks, but perhaps more importantly, they are the wellspring for future Club leaders that manage and preserve the activities and essence of the Club. The importance of recruiting and retaining members is reflected in the Club's Strategic Plan that has included a goal of membership growth and activation for many years.

This goal is best achieved with joint efforts at the National and Regional levels. Several initiatives have been introduced this year to once again bring attention to the importance of recruitment and to better tackle this critical task. These include the Member Referral, the First Gear change to include under age 25 and ability to hold any license, the Club Racing Weekend Membership, and the Volunteer Membership Incentive programs. The next tool in the recruitment box is the Rally/Solo Weekend Membership Program, which will be formally launched at the beginning of 2008. The purpose of this letter and the attached support materials is to lay out the why, what, how, and when of the program.

The "why" not only includes the primary reasons of "lifeblood" and "purpose" described above, but also a secondary practical reason of protecting your Club and its activities by providing significant insurance coverage for all entrants in SCCA Rally and Solo events. Additionally, the concept of membership, even one of a short duration, begins to establish the mindset of belonging that is such an important part of the environment of every SCCA Rally and Solo event. This environment is possibly best described as *The Three C's* of Rally/Solo: competition, camaraderie, and community.

The "what" is that every driving participant at any SCCA event will now be a member of our Club. This includes the two categories of "Regular" (individual, spouse, family, First Gear, military) or "Weekend" (new to Rally/Solo). An important point for event organizers to keep in mind is that you can still promote to non-members, and are encouraged to do so, as well as still listing a non-member entry fee. However, you can now tell them that their entry fee includes a weekend membership to the SCCA and a discount coupon that can be applied to an annual SCCA membership, which is a new benefit for the surcharge that non-members have traditionally paid to enter an event.

More detailed information on the what/how/when aspects of this new program are covered in the attached materials. We have strived to streamline the process and make this as simple and beneficial as possible for all involved, including the Region, event organizers, registrars, and most importantly, the potential new member. In addition to this information, we will be attending most of the fall Divisional Conventions and the National Convention to further explain the program. If in the meantime you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

We hope that you will enthusiastically support this important initiative for membership recruitment that is one of many critical elements for the long term health of our Club.