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REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

January 2014 RE Report

I hope everyone has enjoyed the holiday season. As we reflect on 2013 it was an event-filled year. The Solo program had seven points' events, a test and tune, a school, and helped the Adirondack Corvette Club with their charity event. The Street Survival program held two events, one sanctioned by Patroon BMW club and the other by Mohud. The Rally program held a GTA Rally. Club racing had the annual Tech party at Bob Karl's Auto Sales and Service and also held the John Stim Memorial race at Lime Rock. The PDX program had a PDX the same weekend as the race also at Lime Rock. The Activities program had the annual golf game at the Burden Lake Country Club, the annual go-kart outing at the Fun Plex, and the Winter Go-kart series which was held at Checkers Out. Finally the Nominating Committee had an election.

This was the first election I can remember happening in many years. The Regional Executive position was contested by Jim Bucci and myself. In a close vote, I was declared the winner. Jim has done a great job as your Assistant R.E. for the last three years and I hope to see him return to an elected position in the future.

With Jim Bucci running for the R.E., that left the Assistant R.E. position up for grabs. Eric Smith stepped up and put his name in for the position. Since he ran unopposed, he was elected to the position. The rest of the Board also ran unopposed so they will stay in their positions. Here is the list of your 2014 Board of Directors:

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Bruce Kosakoski – Director at Large

January 2014 Solo Report



I hope everyone is enjoying their holiday season. Back at the beginning of December we had our Annual Awards Banquet. I would like to congratulate all of the Champions, Trophy winners, and Specialty Award winners. I also want to thank everyone that came to a Solo event; competitors, workers, family, or friends. Everyone is important to the program.

In tradition with the past December edition of the Knockoff, here is the speech that was presented at the banquet.

2013 SOLO Trophy Presentation

Welcome to the Solo portion of the 2013 Mohawk Hudson Awards Banquet. 2013 was another good year. We held seven point's events, one test and tune, a Solo School and two Street Survival events. One sanctioned as a Patroon BMW event at the Saratoga Auto Museum and the other as a Mohud event at Fortitech. We also helped our friends from the Adirondack Corvette club with their annual charity event. Our average attendance climbed five to 55 participants at each event. We had about 160 different people all together. Out of that 11 made all of the events and another nine only missed one event. At the other end 85 only made it to one event. On the plus side 20 of those had their first event at the season finale. Either way, we need to see what we can do to try and keep people coming back. If you only made one event, please let us know why it was only one. Weather wise, we did a good job on the dates again. I think only one event had some rain this year.

I would like to thank our site owners; First off, is the McCarty Ave OGS lot. We opened and closed the season there and also had an early summer event for a total of three point's events and the season opening test and tune. Last year's repavement held up through the winter and is still like new. The rest of the lot is still in decent shape. The grip, or should I say lack of grip, is the same for everyone and just adds to the challenge. I expect to hold another three to four events there next year. Our other site is Fortitech. We are up to our fourth year at their facility. We held four points events, one Street Survival and the Solo School there this year. Last year we were worried because Fortitech was bought out by a larger company. That did not affect us at all this year but we have a new concern this year. A new road is going in behind the building. I don't know how or if this will affect us. I will find out in the coming months.

There are a lot of people I need to thank; Our Safety Stewards are Bruce Kosakoski, Arne Beebe, Phil Shoemaker, Tom Moeller, and Phil Redington. Bruce held a safety steward school this year and we added a few to this list. Scot Carpenter, Tracey Burckhard, and a few members from the PSCC took the class. Phil Shoemaker took over registration and had help from Miguel Tiexeira. Bert Huiest and Jeff Grossbard combined to set up some great courses. Eric Smith continues to do a great job with Timing and Scoring. Carmine Russo did a great job again as Chief of Tech. Also thanks to everyone else that has helped out with the events. I would like to thank my fellow Solo Advisory Committee members. Andy Furlong, Bruce Kosakoski, Bert Huiest, Eric Smith, Lyndon Peck, Tom Moeller, Will Schambach, and Phil Shoemaker for planning the season and deciding who gets the awards.

SCCA is making significant changes to the Solo classes beginning in 2014 and Mohud will need to adapt our program to accommodate those changes. Mohud added a Street Tire and a Novice class three years ago and they have become quite popular. The Street Tire class was added to help to accommodate the competitors that did not wish to deal with the expenses and complexities of the R-comp tires. That class may be going away next year as SCCA's revamp of the rules just about eliminates the need for this class. Mohud will look into this during the off season. This is a shame because this class has been constantly growing since its introduction. It started with 13 competitors, increased to 23 last year, and climbed all the way to 44 competitors this year. The Novice class is a place to help better position new attendees with drivers of similar experience levels. While down a little this year, attendance in this class has been pretty steady in the 35-40 range. The Solo Advisory Committee will be considering some new classes for next year in order to better align with National's class changes. More info on this will be coming after the scheduling meeting later this winter.

Before we get to the trophies, I must thank my car owner. My wife Tracey has allowed me to co-drive her car and compete in it this year. I have been lucky in getting some quality rides since my Ford Ranger retired from Solo competition: Bruce Kosakoski's BMW, a pair of Arn Beebe's Mustangs, and now Tracey's Focus ST. Each of these cars required a totally different driving style to get the most out of them. I was able to set fastest time of the day in each of them, but only one of these was I able to share with my wife, and for that reason this year's my favorite.

CLASS TROPHY WINNERS

Stock

4th Place from BS Aashish Vemulapalli
 3rd Place from BS Philip Redington
 2nd Place from GS Tracey Burckhard
 1st Place from GS Russ Burckhard

Street Prepared

5th Place from CSP Tom Moeller
 4th Place from CSP Greg Cuda
 3rd Place from DSP Bruce Kosakoski
 2nd Place from FSP Bill Bennett
 1st Place from FSP Lyndon Peck

Prepared Modified

2nd Place from CP Arn Beebe
 1st Place from EP Andy Furlong

Street

6th Place from SSM Greg Pecora
 5th Place from STR Paul Bishop
 4th Place from SM Phil Shoemaker
 3rd Place from STX Caleb Pocock
 2nd Place from STF Ian Wallace
 1st Place from SM Eric Smith

Kart

1st Place from JB Johnathon Burckhard

Street Tire

6th Place from GS John Rogers

5th Place from DS Russell Gorman

4th Place from AS Miguel Teixeira

3rd Place from ES William Dergosits

2nd Place from HS Carmine Russo

1st Place from HS Scot Carpenter

Novice

3rd Place from ES Steven Spinicchia

2nd Place from GS Randall Salisbury

1st Place from EP Joe Rapp-Dimopoulos

SPECIALTY TROPHIES**Novice of the year**

The Novice of the year award kept the tradition going for being one of the hardest to pick. We had three nominees that stood out this year. Our first nominee won the Novice Points battle. While he never placed first at an event, he never finished worse than sixth. Joe Rapp-Dimopoulos was strong all season. He had a sixth, four fifth's, a third, and a second. Our second nominee finished second in the points. Randall Salisbury started strong but seemed to struggle as the year went on. He had a third, a fourth, two seventh's and a ninth. Our final nominee finished third in points. Steven Spinicchia ran very strong. He finished second in his first two events. His next event was a win. Unfortunately he did not make any more events. I really would have liked to see more of what he was capable of. To pick a winner, we take into consideration more than just where the drivers finish. How competitive we believe the car was and the driver's ability to learn came into play this year. At the school, he was eager to learn and listened and applied what was taught to him. He has a good car, but not up to the level of preparation needed for his class. Despite that he had strong finishes. The 2013 Novice Driver of the Year is Joe Rapp-Dimopoulos

Most Improved Driver

The winner for this year's Most Improved Driver had shown a huge improvement from last year. While their average finish in class was a 5.8 last year, all of the 2013 class finishes were either a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th for an average of 2.7 in class. What really shows the improvement is where you wind up on the PAX list. This is the list that handicaps the classes to better equalize the vehicles. Last year's best PAX finish was 18th and their average for the year was 31.5. This year after starting the season with a 7th place, they dropped to their season's worst of 11th place. Both of those added together equaled last year's best finish. The rest of the year the finishes were like a roller coaster. Up and down. Next was a 6th followed by a 3rd, back to a 5th, down to a 3rd, before the season's final event's 4th place finish. I never said it was a big roller coaster. This year's average improved 26 places to 5.5 winding up second in class. The 2013 Most Improved Driver is Tracey Burckhard

Female Driver of the Year

This year the Solo Advisory Committee decided to not award this trophy. That said I want to give an honorable mention. We only had 5 female competitors at our events. Unfortunately

the only two drivers that were eligible were Beverly Relyea and Tracey Burckhard. Beverly is in her novice year and made it out to the final three events this year. While her finishes were not towards the top of the PAX list, she made some massive improvements in her times. She ran in the Novice class and the times are adjusted using the Pax to equalize the cars. After her first event, she was over 18 seconds off of the leader's time. I have seen many guys run away with their ego's in check after a finish like that. It seems like this encouraged her to try harder. At her next event, she cut that gap down to about eight and a half seconds. Her final event saw that gap drop to about seven seconds and she even outscored another competitor. At this rate, it won't be long before she is in contention for Driver of the Year.

Stand Out Driver of the Year

One name kept coming up at our meeting, but the Solo Advisory Committee did not have an award to give him. We first thought Novice, but he was not in the Novice class. We thought most improved, but he never ran with us before. I did some searching and it looks like he started competing about 3 years ago. So he has some experience, but not a lot. It also looks like he bought a new car this year and he picked a good one. With that we decided to award a Stand Out Driver award. He made 5 of our events this year and did a great job at them. He started with two 2nd place finishes, went to first, and followed up with two more 2nd's in his class to end up 3rd in the Class Championship. On the Pax side of things he also did well. He had 2 thirds, 2 fifths, and a sixth putting him up near the top of the Pax list of average finishes. The phrase "where the ___ did this guy come from" came up and we added it to the trophy. Maybe that is what we should have called this award. This year's Stand Out Driver is Caleb Pocock.

Driver of the Year

Here is Eric Smith's speech he presented to the winner.

The next award is Solo Driver of the Year. We had several drivers that were considered for this award; some familiar names, and some newcomers. But there was one driver who clearly stood above all others. Consider the following:

- Out of a potential 315 maximum points for the season, this driver finished with 310. The only points he left on the table were because he didn't attend the National Championships. He was the top points' scorer for the season.
- For class finishes, he finished first in his class at all seven events this year.
- For PAX results, which are meant to compare all competitors equally across all classes,
 - He finished first in each event's PAX results six of the seven events we held.
 - His average margin of victory was just over seven tenths of a second, which is considered a respectable amount in autocross.
 - His margin of defeat for the one event he placed second was a mere 16 thousandths of a second!

This year's Driver of the Year is Mr. Russ Burckhard.

Worker of the Year

As always I wish I could give out many of these awards and not to just one person. Many people help out throughout the year and I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that has helped with the Solo program this year. We could arguably say that we would not have a season without this person as he has some pretty big shoes to fill. He is one of the first to show up and he immediately goes to work. He arrives at the site with a plan. Despite input from me, he stays focused and continues with the task at hand. He makes sure his work is done correctly and safely and with the exception of two events this year he goes home when he is done. He also went out to the National Match Tour, but did not compete. He just did what he always does and sets up an awesome course. The 2013 winner of the Worker of the year is our very own course designer, Bert Huiest

Street Survival Appreciation Award

This year in association with the Patroon BMW Club we held 2 Tire Rack Street Survival Event. For those who do not know what that is, it is a program that is geared to helping young drivers the opportunity to learn how to drive their vehicle under some extreme conditions. The training includes driving and class time that takes over where driver's education leaves off. It gives the students the opportunity to see what their vehicle will do when it is pushed to its limits in a controlled environment. These are situations that more than likely will arise at some point while driving down the road. These students now have a good idea what will happen and what to do when it does.

Some people to thank; Fortitech allowed us to use their site again this year. Auto Solutions / Storage Solutions provided a tractor trailer for one of the learning exercises. Miguel Teixeira provided Dunkin Donuts for breakfast. North Country Imports provided an airbag for a demonstration. The State Police for their roll over simulator. The Patroon BMW Club and their members.

This person has been at all of the events that we have had as both a Mohud and Patroon member. He has been a teacher, and a very good one at all the events. This year we needed a different position filled and he stepped right up to fill it. I would like to present our stand in Chief Instructor, Bill Bennett with the Street Survival Appreciation Award.

PDX Appreciation Award

This award is to recognize an individual that because of their efforts, the event is raised to a higher standard. This is the fourth year in a row Mohud has put on a **Performance Driving eXperience** or PDX. This was the third year in a row that it was held at Lime Rock Park, but it was the first time that we held it in conjunction with the Mohud Club race. A lot of details had to be worked out in order to have these two events on the same weekend. I believe that this person, because of his passion and dedication to the program, is the reason that this event and the program as a whole are so successful. Since we started this program four years ago, this person has been "the man". It is my pleasure to award D.J. McArdle with the PDX Appreciation Award. In his honor, we have placed the "Patroon point by" symbol on his trophy.

The 2013 season has been completed. It is now time to work on the 2014 season. The Solo Advisory Committee will be meeting to set the schedule soon. Keep an eye out for a tentative schedule in the next month or two.

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

January 2014 Competition Report

2013 Club Racing Awards- Congratulations to the winners of our 2013 Club Racing Awards.

Most Improved Driver - Tyler Reynolds. Tyler won his first race this year and has become a front runner among the Regional FV drivers.

Rookie of the Year - Gregg Goss. Gregg was the NYSRCC ITE Champion campaigning his Honda S200.

National Driver of the Year - Jeff Lehner. Jeff was the NESCCA Champion in SRF.

Regional Driver of the Year - Mickey Mossaidis. Mickey, a former MoHud Rookie of the Year, won the ITA NARRC Championship.

MoHud Regional Championship - Pete Smith. Pete was the NYSRRC F Production Champion with over five 1st Place finishes, two of which were at the John Stim Memorial. The MoHud finishes were each worth double points giving him 80+ points. Mickey Mossaidis finished 2nd with Jared Lendrum, who only had 4 races, finished 3rd.

The Dave Riggi Memorial Award - BK Karl. Bob is a 2nd time winner of this award. He is always available to help others at events and certainly helped the region with both the Tech Party and maintenance on our van.

MOHUD RACING IN 2014 - MoHud will be assisting NER with two of their races- July 12, 13 at Thompson International Speedway and the John Stim Memorial-Oct 4, 5 also at Thompson. These races will both count for double points in the MoHud Regional Championship, save both dates on your 2014 racing calendar.

2013 NARRC AWARDS - The 2013 NARRC Champions will be honored at the NARRC luncheon which will be held on February 8th in conjunction with the NER Annual meeting at Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlborough, MA. MoHud is hosting the luncheon. The NER Annual meeting is being held with the 2014 Racers Expo, a trade show for all types of racing.



Some very good news on MoHud's great friend, Nancy Huber

from her hubby, Walt Huber

*For those who did not know: Nancy suffered
a massive stroke in late November*

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

Today is Christmas Eve, December 24th, and I just received the best Christmas present I've ever been given. I heard Nancy speak!

I was at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation for much of the day. I was present for portions of Nancy's morning and afternoon rehab sessions (more later). I was there when Bob Zecca came to visit. Bob is a friend of many years who is also an SCCA member. And Bob's wife, Aminah, is a nurse at Kessler. Aminah was Nancy's nurse today.

And I was there when Tracy arrived after her office let out for a half-day. It was the first opportunity that Tracy's had to meet Aminah and Bob.

But I left at four o'clock and headed home. Shortly after I arrived home, the phone rang. It was Tracy calling from Kessler. All Tracy said was, "Listen!"

And that's when I heard a gravelly voice say some words into Tracy's cell phone. I can't tell you what the words were – that's 'cause I was already crying like a fool.

Okay – some of you may already know some of this, but others haven't heard, so I will go back to last Thursday when Nancy was transported from Morristown Memorial Hospital to Kessler in West Orange, NJ. It was after dark when she arrived at Kessler. Therefore Friday began her first full day. And full it was. She had Physical Therapy in the morning for 1½ hours and Occupational Therapy in the afternoon for 1½ hours. Following three weeks of inactivity, you can imagine how much each of these sessions tired her out!

And this did not let up because the weekend was coming. At Kessler they do not wish to start therapy and then suspend it for two days because of the weekend. Oh, no. Nancy had PT & OT again on Saturday and again on Sunday both! Each time she made progress and each time she returned to her room (#3024) pooped out!

Monday: More of the same! Also on Monday (or maybe it was already on Sunday – who knows? – I've kinda lost track of days), she started moving her right leg – she bent it at the knee somewhat – and there was some movement in her right arm. (Remember: Nancy's stroke primarily affected her right side, so this right-side movement is "Big!")

Also on Monday they strapped her to a horizontal board and then rotated it to the vertical. For the first time in almost four weeks, she was putting weight on her feet. Today, with help from the therapists, they placed her chair between the parallel bars and helped her stand up. And after this, she was pooped!

She was taken back to her room and was put in bed. She rested for a while and this was when I left. It appears the pulmonologist arrived after I'd gone, but while Tracy was still there. He stepped her trach tube down one notch (that's also good) and then put in a "speech valve." That's when Nancy put forth some barely audible, very gravelly speech which Tracy had her repeat after phoning me at home.

Tomorrow is officially Christmas and it will be Nancy's first day off. No therapy scheduled for tomorrow. But today was Christmas for me. And actually, thinking about it for a moment, every recent day has been Christmas for me!

Perhaps Tiny Tim Cratchit said it best in the Dickens story, *A Christmas Carol*, so allow me to repeat his words, "**God bless us, every one!**" -- and may God bless you all for your continuing prayers!

Walter

***Editor's Note:** Please continue to keep Nancy in your thoughts and prayers as she progresses hopefully to a full recovery! She has been a vibrant and active member of our SCCA family.*

MoHud's 2013 Awards Banquet a Great Success!

Award winners and attendees all seemed to enjoy the evening and festivities. On to 2014 and another great year at MoHud SCCA.

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For Immediate Release

Legends Bondurant, Gurney, Hubbard, Downing, Hylton, Barnes Join SCCA Hall of Fame

TOPEKA, Kan. ([Dec. 10, 2013](#)) – The contributions that Kathy Barnes, Bob Bondurant, Dan Gurney, Dr. Bob Hubbard and Jim Downing and Pete Hylton made to the motorsports industry as a whole, and to Sports Car Club of America in particular, made each legendary and worthy of recognition as the 2014 SCCA Hall of Fame class. The newest members of the Hall will be formally inducted during the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet presented by Mazda at the yearly SCCA Convention on Saturday, March 8, in Charlotte, N.C.

The accomplishments of the 2014 class, along with the previous Hall inductees, are the building blocks that have given the SCCA its elevated stature in the world of motorsports for 70 years.

Kathy Barnes has helped shape the SCCA as a Director, a multiple National Championship winning Solo driver, a Solo event organizer and a Club Racing steward, as well as a Region leader in the Northeast Division. During her time as chair of the Solo Events Board, Barnes encouraged an open dialog between the board and the participants. She developed a process to organize the more than 1,000 worker assignments at the Tire Rack Solo National Championships, a process that is still used today. Barnes was awarded the Solo Cup, the Solo program's highest honor, in 2001, and the Woolf Barnato award presented to the SCCA member who has made the most outstanding long-term contribution in 2004.

Today, **Robert "Bob" Bondurant** may be more well-known for the driving school that bears his name, but before teaching his students how to go faster, Bondurant had already racked up victories at some of the world's most famous racing venues – including at Le Mans in 1964, teamed with co-inductee Dan Gurney and driving for 2013 inductee Carroll Shelby. He also spent two full seasons representing the United States of America in the Formula One World Championship.

Before reaching the pinnacle of worldwide motorsports, Bondurant began his racing career as a Club racer at the controls of a Corvette in Southern California, where he secured the B Production West Coast Championship and was also named the Corvette Driver of the Year. Bondurant's professional racing career came to an end following a crash in 1967, and he opened the Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving the following year. Thousands of past, current and future SCCA racers have earned their license through Bondurant's school.

Dan Gurney became a motorsports legend as a driver, engineer, and pioneer. The mark that Gurney put on the sport as a driver, winning most of the world's most famous races, is matched only by the mark he left as an innovator. The "Gurney flap," full faced helmet and

the ceremonial spraying of champagne after a win are all credited to Gurney and remain commonplace for today's SCCA racers. Like most of the legendary road racers, Gurney began his driving career as an SCCA Club Racer and, later in his career, won races as a driver and team owner in SCCA Trans-Am and Can-Am competition.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Hubbard and Jim Downing may have saved more lives than any two people in the sport when they developed the Head and Neck Support (HANS) device in the mid-1980s, following the loss of a close friend to a basilar skull fracture. It wasn't, however, just the development by Hubbard, a biomechanical engineering professor at Michigan State with experience in the automotive industry, and Downing, a long-time SCCA Club and pro racer. The pair enthusiastically pushed the product to a slow-to-adapt motorsports industry through the 1990s and early 2000s until unfounded fears were dispelled and the device became an industry standard as necessary as helmets and seatbelts. Dr. Hubbard was previously recognized as the 1997 George Snively Award winner for outstanding contribution to safety in motorsports by the SCCA.

Pete Hylton's knowledge, experience and enthusiasm for the SCCA have made him a champion of the organization and preserved details of the Club's history that could have, potentially, been lost to the ages. Among his accomplishments, Hylton was instrumental in the founding of the very Hall of Fame of which he now becomes enshrined. He held numerous leadership positions in the Indianapolis Region SCCA and served on the Club's Board of Directors. His role as SCCA archivist helped countless individuals learn the history of their race car, and uncover hidden jewels. Hylton has penned two books: *Ghost Tracks: A Historical Look at America's Lost Road Racing Track and Sports Car Club of America 60 Years in Pictures*. Not just focused on the past, Hylton directed the Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis' Motorsports Technology program to spread his motorsports knowledge and passion to college students.

Barnes, Bondurant, Gurney, Hubbard, Downing and Hylton will join nine previous classes in the SCCA Hall of Fame:

2005: Cameron Argetsinger, A. Tracy Bird, John Fitch, Arthur Gervais, Harry Handley, Vern Jaques, Bill Milliken, Sue Roethel, Art Trier, Rob Walker

2006: John Bornholdt, John Buffum, Mark Donohue, Denise McCluggage, Grant Reynolds

2007: Marge Binks, Marc Gerstein, Carl A. Haas, General Curtis E. LeMay, Theodore F. Robertson

2008: Roger E. Johnson, Don and Ruth Nixon, Kjell Qvale, Robert Ridges, Fred Schmucker

2009: Bill Chambres, Bill Johnson, Jim Kimberly, Paul Newman, John Timanus

2010: Nick Craw, Briggs Cunningham, R. David Jones, Burdette "Berdie" Martin, Wayne Zitkus

2011: Karen Babb, John Bishop, Jim Fitzgerald, Tracer Racing, Harro Zitza

2012: Charlie Earwood, Jim Hall, Gene Henderson, Dr. Peter Talbot, Bryan Webb

2013: Skip Barber, Bill Noble, Bobby Rahal, Carroll Shelby, Andy Porterfield

The SCCA National Hall of Fame was created in 2004 to preserve, protect and record the history and accomplishments of the Club by acknowledging those members who have made a significant impact on the development of SCCA, be it through service to the national organization, achievements in national competition, bringing national recognition to SCCA, or

a combination of these factors. Nominations were submitted to, and reviewed by, the Hall of Fame Nomination and Selection Committees before the inductees were selected.

More information on the Sports Car Club of America, including the SCCA Hall of Fame is available at www.scca.com. Registration for the SCCA Convention, which includes the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, is available at scca.com/convention.

Those attending the Motorsports Expo and Trade Show (MSX) at the Charlotte Convention Center, March 7-9, can add on the formal SCCA Hall of Fame Banquet presented by Mazda to their ticket for an additional \$100. Information on MSX is available at www.msxexpo.com.

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SCCA Partners With BFGoodrich Tires For Fourth Season of Club Racing Super Tour

TOPEKA, Kan. ([December 19, 2013](#)) – The 2014 Sports Car Club of America’s U.S. Majors Tour Schedule will be headlined once again by six BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour events, stretching from coast to coast.



The BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour is a partnership with the official street tire of SCCA to highlight select races on the Majors Tour calendar. The BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour will officially open the new year at Sebring International Raceway, January 3-5, in the Eastern Conference opener.

“BFGoodrich Tires has been a long-time supporter of SCCA and our competitors,” Lisa Noble, interim SCCA President and CEO, said. “Bringing back the Super Tour races as featured events in the Majors Series in 2014 highlights that relationship. The Super Tour has grown because of BFGoodrich Tires’ involvement, and we’re looking forward to a great 2014 season with them.”

As in 2013, each BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour event will feature the events core to the U.S. Majors Tour – victory laps and podium ceremonies, championship points, and media coverage on SCCA.com with notes and statistics on the Club’s play-by-play Twitter account, @SCCALive.

In addition, BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour events will feature live streaming audio from the track’s public address announcer and coverage in SportsCar Magazine. BFGoodrich Tires will randomly give away one set of tires to a driver in attendance at the Saturday night party at each of the six weekends. Five different volunteer workers in attendance at each of the six events will earn \$100 as door prizes.

BFGoodrich Tires will also give away a Bell Helmet, custom painted to the winner's design by Indocil Art, at the National Championship Runoffs. Finalists will be the drivers scoring the most points at BFGoodrich Tire Super Tour events in six Club Racing categories (Big Bore, Small Bore, Big Formula/Prototype, Small Formula, Spec Racing and Touring).

"BFGoodrich Tires is proud to again partner with the SCCA in support of the premier events on the club racing calendar, culminating with the 51st Runoffs at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca," Peter Calhoun, Motorsports Manager, BFGoodrich Tires, said. "The Super Tour events have seen growth each of the first three seasons and 2014 should be no exception with the quality of venues included on the calendar."

The 2014 BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour schedule:

Jan. 3-5 – BFGoodrich Tires Sebring Super Tour, Sebring International Raceway, Sebring, Fla.

Feb. 7-9 – BFGoodrich Tires New Orleans Super Tour, NOLA Motorsports Park, Avondale, La.

March 21-23 – BFGoodrich Tires Atlanta Super Tour, Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga.

April 12-13 – BFGoodrich Tires Thunderhill Super Tour, Thunderhill Raceway Park, Willows, Calif.

May 30-June 1 – BFGoodrich Tires Mid-Ohio Super Tour, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio

July 4-6 – BFGoodrich Tires Watkins Glen Super Tour, Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

BFGoodrich Tires will also have an expanded presence and trackside support at the Chicago Region June Sprints and the SCCA National Championship Runoffs.

The U.S. Majors Tour is the pinnacle of amateur road racing in the United States, divided into four geographic Conferences for championship points and including the BFGoodrich Tire Super Tour events. More information can be found at www.SCCAMajors.com.

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*Image: BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour returns to Mid-Ohio, and five other locations, in 2014.
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SCCA Club Racing Contingency Programs Announced for 2014



TOPEKA, Kan. ([Dec. 23, 2013](#)) – With the start of the 2014 SCCA Club Racing calendar set to start in January, contingency programs for competitors participating in the SCCA U.S. Majors Tour and Regional racing programs have been announced.

Seven auto manufacturers will be offering cash prizes based on finishing position for the SCCA U.S. Majors Tour – Mazda North American Operations, Ford Racing, Honda Performance

Development, Toyota/TRD, Scion Racing, Nissan Motorsports and MINI USA. Many of these auto makers will have payouts for racers at the Regional racing level, as well.

Mazda, the Official Vehicle of SCCA, will offer awards to the top three finishers in the eligible classes. Race winners in Spec Miata will earn \$600, while second-place receives \$350, followed by \$175 for third. The remaining classes will have a similar pay schedule, with a change in the dollar amount to \$800, \$500 and \$250, respectively. Additionally, a \$1,750 bonus will be added for a Conference Championship. The Regional award program will award the Divisional point leaders, with \$500, \$300 and \$150 being awarded to the top three positions in that order at the end of the season.

Honda will, once again, support racers competing under their banner, as well as that of Acura, in selected classes in Majors and Regional competition. Selected models can earn up to \$500 for a Majors win, while winners in all other vehicles supported by the brand can earn up to \$200 for a Majors win. At the Regional level, select IT-class podium finishers can cash-in on manufacturer awards at the American Road Race of Champions event.

Nissan Motorsports will also be offering payouts for podium finishers in the Majors Tour. In addition, MINI USA, Scion Racing and Toyota/TRD will also be supporting their customers with per race contingency support in both the Majors and Regional racing programs for 2014. Toyota's program is limited to Regional Runoffs-qualifying races, while MINI and Scion will apply to all Regional events. Ford Racing will support Club Racing, with details on its program to be announced at a later date.

BFGoodrich Tires, the Official Street Tire of SCCA and sponsor of the BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour, is joined by Hoosier Racing Tire, Hankook Tire and Kumho Tires in the category for contingency.

BFGoodrich Tires will award two tires to Majors race winners sporting the brand and one tire to the runner up in eligible classes. A one-tire bonus will be given out at each of the BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour events.

At Majors events, Hoosier will provide a complete set of four tires to a Spec Miata race winner, with second earning two tires and one free tire going to drivers in places third through eighth. In all other eligible classes, a Majors winner can earn two tires, with second place earning one tire. Additionally, Hoosier will be the spec tire for the Regional-level Spec Miata class. As such, eligible winners in any Regional event will earn two free tires with the second-place driver earning one tire. The SM Divisional Champions will also win a complete set of new tires.

Kumho will offer awards to Regional racers in 2014 in the form of product credits, at \$150, \$100 and \$75 for the top three, respectively. Hankook will also post a program with details to be announced in the near future.

Hawk Performance and Carbotech Brakes have also stepped up to support the Majors Tour by awarding top finishers in eligible classes.

Hawk Performance, the Official Brake Products of SCCA, is in the process of finalizing its program. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

Carbotech will provide certificates to podium finishers fulfilling the eligibility requirements in the amount of \$100, \$75 and \$50.

SafeRacer, the Official Safety Provider of SCCA, has returned to support SCCA Majors racing by offering a \$500 certificate to the nation-wide points champion in all classes. Summit Racing Equipment will be offering certificates of \$100 and \$50 to the top two finishers at all Majors races.

GoPro, the Official Camera of SCCA, will be giving a HERO3 camera to one driver at each SCCA BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour event for having the "GoPro Hero Moment" of the weekend.

Details on all contingency programs and how to register for these programs can be found at <http://www.scca.com/clubracing/content.cfm?cid=44474>. Drivers should read the program requirements carefully and be sure to have the necessary paperwork submitted before their first event.

As new Club Racing contingency programs become available, they will be posted to www.scca.com.

*Image: Victor Van Tress laps Road America in the Touring 4 class during the 2013 SCCA Runoffs.
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