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REport

by Glenn Long

While it's hard to believe that more than half of the year has already passed, it's great to see that we still have five Auto X's and two road races still on the schedule! We have had a very strong year both financially and by car counts considering the economy. Both of these accomplishments are due to your continued support and efforts. As always, thank you. I can tell you that at the last board of directors meeting, of which you are always invited to attend, we were on budget for our actual expenses, revenue targets and projected spending for the remainder of 2009. This is not a minor accomplishment given the current economic conditions. Well done by all involved.

Could things be better? Of course they could. We can always use more help at events, more volunteers to do more things, and that implies to not only lighten the load of our current volunteers, but it also presents a great opportunity to do even more events, reporting, pictures, financial info, etc... I receive a few notes every now and again, some very complementary of the accomplishments of NCR (most of these are from folks outside of our region who recognize what a great job you all do) and a few notes suggesting opportunities to improve things. I welcome all of your notes and comments, and know that I take all input very seriously. For those who feel that more needs to be done, I whole heartily agree and will only make the observation that with more arms and legs, we, together can accomplish even more together. We can all benefit greatly from your ideas, experiences and support.

See you at the races!

WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR

After 4 years as the Region's newsletter editor, it's time for me to step down and let someone else take over. Yes, it's been that long...my first issue was the June 2005 issue. Hard to believe, but true! If you'd like to take the job or know someone who would like to do it, please either contact me or contact any member of the NCR Board of Directors. Contact information for all of us are on page 2. Thanks! *Bruce Dover*

Rockingham Results

Below are the results of the two races run at Rockingham Speedway on Sunday, June 28th. The 4 races that were scheduled to be run after the Carolina Cup race, were combined, due to the fact that there were only 6 entries. The PDX, which was held the day before, on Saturday, had 35 entries. That's more than we had for the June event last year but less than the 55 we had for last year's September event.

Due to the small number of entries for this event, we lost money, thus the PDX scheduled for September at Rockingham Speedway has been cancelled. We are currently working on having a PDX at VIR sometime in the Spring of 2010, so check back here for news about that.

Carolina Cup race: Classes: ITA, ITB, ITC, ITR, ITS, IT7, SM, SSB, SSC, SRF, ITT, T3

Number of Starters: 25; Race Length: 45 min.; Margin of Victory: 8.352 Sec

Number of Finishers: 23; Overall Average Speed: 71.326 mph

Fastest Lap: Car # 14, Julian Busby, 1:10.421, 76.682 mph; Time of Race: 0:45:25.517 Hr

Pos	#	Class	PIC	Name	Laps	Make/Model
1	14	SRF	1	Julian Busby	36	SRF
2	24	SRF	2	Mike Burke	36	SRF
3	90	SM	1	Steve Bertok	36	Mazda Miata
4	01	SM	2	Ben Hinson	36	Mazda Miata
5	00	SM	3	Estus White IV	36	Mazda Miata
6	48	ITS	1	Bob Gill	36	Mazda Miata
7	33	IT7	1	Blair Stitt	36	Mazda RX7
8	47	IT7	2	Brock Baldwin Jeff Ryan	36	Mazda RX7
9	87	SM	4	Andrew Anderson Sam Barnett	35	Mazda Miata
10	12	SM	5	Mark Scharnow	35	Mazda Miata
11	94	ITA	1	Neal Harrison	35	Nissan 240sx
12	36	SM	6	Don Arns	35	Mazda Miata
13	95	ITA	2	Ken Sigler	35	Mazda Miata
14	80	SM	7	Don Bayley John Landrum	34	Mazda Miata
15	89	SM	8	Bill Cullen	34	Mazda Miata
16	50	SM	9	Grant Macdonald	34	Mazda Miata
17	99	SM	10	Thomas Houser	33	Mazda Miata
18	29	IT7	3	Scott Gallimore	33	Mazda RX7
19	21	IT7	4	Rex Deffenbaugh Randy Deaton	33	Mazda RX7
20	5	IT7	5	Chuck Hines	32	Mazda RX7
21	92	SM	11	Steve Fricker	31	Mazda Miata
22	4	IT7	6	Gary Gentry	28	Mazda RX7
23	70	IT7	7	Steve Cooke	27	Mazda RX7
DNF	7	IT7		Steve Rose Paul Perez	12	Mazda RX7
DNF	07	SM		Alex Gaines	6	Mazda Miata

Race Group 2:

Classes: AS, ASR, GT1, GT2, GT3, GTA, ITE, ITO, SPO, ST, STO, T1, T2, SM, EP, IT7, ITB

Number of Starters: 6; Race Length: 30 min; Margin of Victory: 39.048 sec

Number of Finishers: 6; Overall Average Speed: 72.931 mph

Fastest Lap: Car # 70, David Smith, 1:12.487, 74.496 mph; Time of Race: 0:30:51.075 hr

Pos	#	Class	PIC	Name	Laps	Make/Model
1	70	EP	1	David Smith	25	Mazda RX7
2	12	SM	1	Mark Scharnow	25	Mazda Miata
3	15	ITB	1	Brian Hooper	25	Honda CRX
4	80	SM	2	Don Bayley	25	Mazda Miata
5	112	IT7	1	Keith Armstrong	24	Mazda RX7
6	99	SM	3	Coley Houser	24	Mazda Miata

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The plan is for *The Bulletin* to go to press on the Monday after the last Chapter meeting of the month (see *Where NCR Meets*, elsewhere in this issue, for Chapter meeting schedule). There is no hard and fast deadline for editorial submissions, but they should be in by the week-end after the last Chapter meeting for inclusion in that month's issue.

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And, from the PDX...



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Triangle Chapter Report

by James Shanks

The Triangle Chapter met for July on the first day of the month, at El Rodeo in Raleigh as usual. The pre-dinner conversation was almost all about the PDX/Carolina Cup/Restricted Regional at Rockingham the previous weekend. All the participants had a good time, but man, was it hot! Rex Deffenbaugh allowed that even though he had grown up in North Carolina heat and humidity that he was still unsteady getting out of the race car on Sunday and nearly passed out. Glad you didn't Rex! And I'll bet that if an equipment vendor selling cool suits had been there he would have made some easy sales. Our collective hats were off to Bruce Dover and his daughter Jennifer, for they worked the uncovered start stand without the benefit of an EZ-Up like we had on the turns. Thanks a lot, you two!

The one topic of conversation that wasn't about the PDX was what's now referred to as Mark Senior's alien life form video. Faithful readers of this column will recall that a couple months back, Mark, who is a civil engineer for the City of Raleigh, brought in a video of this odd (and huge!) colony of tubifex worms growing in a municipal sewer line. Taken with a remote camera, the colony is seen to pulse and move as if it were some giant brown blob right out of a sci-fi movie from the fifties. Well, Mark didn't do it, but someone posted that video to YouTube and on the day of the meeting it was the most watched video on that sight with tens of thousands of viewings. The news media then picked up on it and Mark had to write a press release to put an end to all the wild speculation. Way to go, Mark! Was that your 15 minutes of fame?

In the business portion, we talked about the drop in membership since this time last year, from 866 to 794, or about 9 per cent. This is better than was expected and might even be deceptively high, because there are always people on the expired member list who have let their membership lapse because they don't have an event they want to go to and simply forget or let it slide. As Membership Chair I reminded everyone that it is very easy to re-up online. Just go to <http://ams.scca.com> and click on the online membership renewal form. You'll need a credit card to complete it, but it's very easy.

Financially, it was noted that all programs were in the black as of June first and that overall we were about 8 per cent below our projected budget. The bad news was that we were heading to Rockingham, where we had trouble making money last year, and the low turn out for the restricted Regional that we had just experienced this year likely means a substantial loss for that event. I guess those NASA guys just didn't want to challenge us at the Rock. That's too bad because if we took another beating financially, then it is unlikely that we will ever race there again.

We'll just have to wait for the numbers.

With regard to racing news, it was noted that the National Court of Appeals had overturned the findings of the SOM with regard to scoring the March Carolina Cup race on appeal from Estus White. You can read the decision in Fast Track on the SCCA website if you like, but most of us were just relieved that it was finally settled and over. But the bigger news was that the Region Board of Directors was very unhappy that the SOM at the Double National race had not penalized the two drivers who got into a fistfight at impound. The BoD intends to send a strong message that such conduct will not be tolerated at our events at VIR and voted to use the power granted to them under GCR 4.7.1 to refuse any entry at their discretion. The two drivers involved, who will not be named here, will be sent a letter telling them that their entries will be excluded for the next year, which means they will have sit out next year's Double at VIR. This will undoubtedly be a topic of conversation at the upcoming SEDIV mid-year meeting on July 25th.

We closed the meeting with a sort of round-robin speak-up if you have something to say. Mark Senior noted he still has a championship-winning ITC Honda for sale. My son Brian Shanks who was attending his first meeting told everyone that the PDX was awesome and that he was grateful for having been a part of it. He even enjoyed his first experience being on the corners for the races. And we learned that Boz Marchi's F500 which had an unfortunate encounter with the pit wall after a spin in 17 at VIR was finally mended, but that it was all in pieces and now needed to be reassembled like a big mechanical jigsaw puzzle. Have fun with that Boz! Hope you make it in time for the Goblins Go!

And why don't you all make it out to the next Triangle Chapter meeting on Wednesday, August 5th? Come and chill out with us on what will undoubtedly be a warm August night and find out what all your friends have been up to since our last event. I'll see you there . . . or at the races! 🍷

Where NCR Meets :

Cape Fear Chapter - Wilmington

First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 pm

Meeting location will alternate between:

National Speed

(Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct)

6779 Gordon Road

and

German Speed Merchants

(March, May, July, Sept, Nov)

300 Old Dairy Rd. (just off Market St.)

Brad Draughon*, Chapter Coordinator

Triangle Chapter - Raleigh

First Wednesday of the Month 7:00 pm

El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant

Hwy 70 at Pleasant Valley

James Shanks*, Chapter Coordinator

West Chapter - Greensboro

First Tuesday of the Month

Dinner at 6:45, Meeting at 7:30 pm

Cooper's Ale House

5340 W Market Street

Ed Wentz*, Chapter Coordinator

NCR Board Meeting - Mebane

Third Wednesday of the Month

Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:30 pm

La Cocina Mexican Restaurant

1239F South Fifth Street, Mebane

I-85/I-40 Exit 153 - go North on 119,

about 1/4 mile on right,

next to Papa John's Pizza

(919) 563-4500 **All Welcome!**

*see Chapter Coordinators' contact info on pg. 2



Cape Fear Bench Talk July, 2009

Sounds of Freedom Auto-X...

The Cape Fear Chapter rolled into New River Air Station on July 12th for the Sounds of Freedom Autocross! This event was our 5th points event of 2009 and was a huge success!! 65 competitors took to one of the fastest and most challenging courses we have ever faced. Thanks go out to Ken Porteous for coming up with an awesome course design and to Vern Geddings and Walt Driver for helping set it up the day before the event.

We could not have had any better weather for this event either. It was a little warm with temperatures pushing the lower 90's, but a good breeze coming off of the river kept conditions tolerable throughout the day. The only thing hotter than the weather was the competition!! Top RAW time of the day went to Donnie Jones with a time of 59.424 seconds! Great run, Donnie! Top PAX honors of the day went to Ken Porteous in his G Stock Mini Cooper S with a time of 59.578 seconds which transferred to a PAX time of 48.913 seconds. We also gave out a new award for the Fastest Active Military, which went to Denis Bucher in his Nissan 240SX.

Due to a scheduling conflict with our normal trophy supplier, we had to scramble to find awards for this event. I think that we did pretty well given the time constraints. Thanks to Kelly Brookshire, our trophy czar, for coming up with the great idea of giving out small magnets for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in class! They looked phenomenal and everyone liked the idea of getting to display their awards on their cars (unless you drive a Corvette, of course!). Thanks to Image Monster, located in Wilmington, NC, for taking our last minute order and doing a great job putting them together!

On a personal note about this event, I really want to thank everyone who came out early to help set up and get registration open to those who stayed late to help get everything organized and cleaned up. This was without a doubt one of the most fun events we have had all year. It ran so smoothly it almost looked like we knew what we

were doing! I am kidding, but everyone tends to forget that we are out there to have fun. Just a deep thank you from me to everyone who helped to make this event just awesome! Let's keep up the good work!

RiverFront Grand Prix Auto-X...

Our next event in the Cape Fear Autocross Championship is quickly approaching! Our next event will be held in Downtown Wilmington at Cape Fear Community College's Student Parking Lot #2. This is a Saturday event with the first car taking to course at 11am. We will have 6 competition runs and guaranteed fun runs (as long as the weather cooperates)! This is one of our most favorite event sites and there is even a rumored unofficial after-party planned in Downtown Wilmington. Pre-registration is now open at www.myautoevents.com. This is a very small site, so register early to guarantee your spot!

Year-End Award Ceremonies...

After a long year of racing and working, it is nice to wind down with some adult beverages and recap the year past. We will have two chances to do this for 2009, one in December and the second in January. The Cape Fear Chapter year-end meeting will be held on Saturday, December 5th at Fat Tony's Italian Pub in Downtown Wilmington. Just one month later, on Saturday, January 9th, the NCR-SCCA Annual Awards Banquet will be held at St. Thomas Preservation Hall in Downtown Wilmington. Mark your calendars now to make sure that you can join in the fun! Keep an eye on www.ncrscca.com for any updates on these events!



Brad Draughon
Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator
1991 Nissan NX2000 – ST #20

NCR Board Meeting Summary, May 20, 2009

Present: James Shanks, Heather Powers, Assistant R.E., Buddy Matthews, John Uftring, Steve Keadle, Joedy Pennington representing Ed Wentz, the West Chapter Coordinator, Blair Stitt, John Lindquist, Ron Gentry, Wayne Quick, Steve Rose, Bruce Dover, Ginny Condrey and Jerry Pell.

1. The meeting was called to order by Heather Powers, Assistant R.E., at 7:45p.m. at Overtime Bar and Grill, Exit 153, I-40/85, Mebane, NC.
2. Motion (Stitt/Pennington) to approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2009, BoD meeting; Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report: Steve Keadle, Treasurer, reported as to the Region's cash on hand and that based on the P&L vs. Actual report the Region is under budget (to the good) through April, even after considering those line items which are over budget. Net income through April, 2009, was in the black and that through April each race event in 2009 was also in the black. A copy of the Profit & Loss vs. Actual, through April (3 page report) is attached to these Minutes, as is a copy of the Profit & Loss by Class, (3 page report).

The IRS Code section, 501(c) (4)-Civic Leagues and Social Welfare Organizations, commonly referred to as not for profit organizations' rules regarding tax exemption are attached to these Minutes. The Treasurer recommended that any rental rate charged by the Region for use of its equipment and/or services be at fair market value rates. Further, any contributions to the NC Region, SCCA, is NOT a tax deductible contribution, thus contributions to the Region's Worker's Fund would not be tax deductible.

A fee will be paid to the Region from the Trans Am event held at VIR in April, and the Region will receive a fee from the Formula SAE event, held at VIR. From these fees certain related expenses must be deducted, such as worker credits, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The protest arising from the CCPS race held during the March Memories event at VIR, in 2009, has been heard and decided in favor of the protest filed by Estes White.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting Location: Motion (Matthews/ Pennington) that next month's BoD meeting location be at Overtime Bar and Grill, Exit 153, I-40/85, Mebane, NC; Passed.

REPORTS

1. Chapters:

A. Triangle Chapter: James Shanks, Triangle Chapter Coordinator, reported that 26 members attended their last Chapter meeting wherein some of the matters discussed at the last NCR BoD meeting were reviewed. The Chapter welcomed a new member to its fold.

B. West Chapter: John Lindquist reported that about 13 members attended the last West Chapter meeting and he summarized the content of the West Chapter meeting, which included a review of some of the business conducted at the previous NCR BoD meeting.

C. Cape Fear Chapter: No Reports.

2. Committees:

A. The Competition Board held a debriefing after the Double National races at VIR in April. Certain issues were discussed with reference to the Double National event. The Region received kudos from the Trans Am group and the National tech. representative, from the SCCA, with reference to our Double National event. The next meeting of the Competition Board is scheduled for May 21, 2009.

The EV Chief for the Region is now Tim Gardner. The EV team, going forward, will also include the former EV Chief and Pete Papas.

The Chairman of the Competition Board reported on issues regarding some actions taken at the Region's recent Double National event in April, and of the requests made of Rick Mitchell, the SEDIV Executive Steward,

as to same, which requests will be considered in due course.

Ron Gentry discussed some problems which arose with some Spec. Miata drivers at the Double National event, having to do with an altercation, in impound, following a Spec. Miata National race. This matter will be further considered by the BoD at a future meeting.

Blair Stitt discussed the call to the grid after lunch on Sunday at the Double National in April, in connection with an alleged quick 5 minute call.

James Shanks advised of an issue regarding awarding trophies for the Double SARRC/MARRS event – he advises that only 3 trophies were given out in each Class, as opposed to the top 3 in SARRC and the top 3 in MARRS, in each class.

The Supplemental Regulations for the Double SARRC/MARRS race event had limitations on the trophies to be awarded per group/class, but that the BoD's action to expand the eligibility for trophies, to be awarded, came after the Supps. for this event were published.

The Treasurer reports that the cost of trophies for May's event has not been determined, as our accounting procedures allow 60 days after each event to turn in bills for payment.

Ron Gentry discussed certain concerns voiced regarding Spec. Racers, and Production cars, being in the same race group; in particular some Spec. Racers from the WDC Region do not like being grouped with Production cars. Ron advises that he is passing on these comments to the Safety Stewards.

Heather Powers reported that she received some comments from some of the members that the Trans Am race results were not in our Newsletter nor was there an article on the outcome of the race. The Trans Am event was held at VIR in April as part of the Region's Double National event.

James Shanks reviewed with the Board an email he received from Mark Senior in reference to putting the PDX registration information on the Region's website, to allow early registration, i.e. before June; it was reported that registration will open in late May for the PDX/Regional race, scheduled for Rockingham. The Board discussed the Region's PDX program's future use of the Rockingham race facility, for PDX events and some other road course race events, to be put on by our Region.

The process to open registration for the PDX event is almost complete, and will be online shortly.


John Lindquist, Heather Powers and others will attend the Triad Sports Car Club's event on the 21st of June, a car show and autocross event at Grove Stadium in Winston-Salem wherein information as to the Region's PDX event at Rockingham will be made available. Presently there are 28 pre-registered entries for the PDX event and about 10 instructors have pre-registered for that event.

The Honda S-2000 roll bar issue was discussed. The S-2000 with a hard top is ok for a PDX, but there is an issue as to the fact that the factory roll bar is not above the height of the seat back, and, thus, is not apparently sufficient. Buddy Matthews will look further at the PDX Rules as to this issue.

Membership: No report, except James Shanks requested we obtain an email address for the new "weekend" memberships.

Publicity: John Uftring reports that the ad for the Region's PDX event in June, at Rockingham, is presently in the current edition of Grassroots Motorsports; further, there will be advertisements later for our Region's Races, this fall at VIR. John further discussed the availability of a new NCR-SCCA brochure, for distribution at car shows and other such events.

Charities: Blair Still reports that approximately \$1,600.00 was raised by the NCR at the Double National event in April for the Ronald McDonald House charity, and that approximately \$1,200.00 was raised by th NCR for the Angels Among Us charity at the Region's Double SARRC/MARRS event, at VIR, in May.

Motion to adjourn (Pell/Shanks); Passed 

NCR Board Meeting Summary, June 24, 2009

Present: Glenn Long, R.E., Alana Long, Heather Powers, Steve Keadle, Buddy Matthews, Ron Gentry, Blair Stitt, Bruce Dover, James Shanks, Brad Draughon, John Uftring, Rex Defenbaugh, Joedy Pennington, Wayne Quick, John Lindquist and Annie Lindquist

1. The meeting was called to order by Glenn Long, R.E., at 7:40 p.m. at La Cocina Restaurant, at Exit 153, I-40/85, Mebane NC, as the Overtime Bar and Grill location was not available.
2. No minutes were presented from the last meeting due to the Secretary's absence.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report: Steve Keadle, Treasurer, reported that YTD expenses compared to actual budgeted amounts is in the positive. It was decided that the Region's Specialty Chiefs would receive a monthly financial sheet to track their actual expense items compared to budgeted items, so to permit them to monitor their line item budget responsibilities.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Meeting Location: The Board's meeting location will be at La Cocina Restaurant in July.
2. Rockingham: The Board discussed the Rockingham contract for the Region's September PDX event. The Board is still looking at whether it will operate the event in September, and it will make its decision partly based upon the results of the PDX event to be held on the weekend of June 27, 2009, at Rockingham.

NEW BUSINESS

1. James Shanks discussed the positive results from our Double SARRC/MARRS event held at VIR, wherein there was a very good turnout of volunteers from the WDC Region, which workers helped to make this event a big success.

Scales: It was reported that there will not be scales available for the Regional event to be held on June 28th, at Rockingham.

2. Sanctioning SCCA Members. The Board had a very lengthy discussion of driver conduct at the Region's recent Double National event, and at some of our Region's other events. After a substantial amount of discussion and heated exchange of ideas and positions, the Board's consensus is that intentional reckless driving (running into another competitor) is not acceptable conduct at our Region's events. The Board expressed its general opinion that it expected to see the SOM, from the race event at issue, to handle these types of on track and altercation issues, at the track. The SOM are licensed officials authorized to review conduct, issue decisions and enforce the penalties imposed on sanctioned drivers. A motion was made that the Board vote as to each of the three drivers who were involved in unacceptable conduct (altercations) at the Double National race event, held at VIR in April, and that the BoD should take appropriate action. A motion was made and passed to vote on each driver, individually, with reference to whether the Board would take any disciplinary action with respect to any or all of the three drivers. Motion (Gentry/Keadle), Passed unanimously, to take some

form of disciplinary action on an individual basis for each of the three drivers. James Shanks stated his opinion that the Board should send a letter stating that the behavior of the type described is unacceptable to the Region and would not be tolerated in the future at the Region's VIR events, and that the Board believes that the SOM, of the event, should have taken care of these matters at the track.

As to Driver # ...869, Motion to take additional action, (1 – yea), (7 – no); the Board advises that it is in agreement with the actions taken by the SOM at the event with reference to Driver # ...869.

As to Driver #...781, Motion to not accept an entry from him for a period of one year from this date (June 24, 2009), Passed, (6 – yea), (2 – no).

As to Driver #...542, Motion to not accepted an entry from him for a period of one year from this date (June 24, 2009), Passed, (6 – yea), (2 – no).

The Board directed that a letter be sent to these two drivers stating that entries will not be accepted from them for NCR race events for a period of one year from this date (June 24, 2009), and that a copy of these two letters be sent to Rick Mitchell, Executive Steward, SEDiv.

REPORTS

1. Chapters:

A. Triangle Meeting: 20 members were in attendance, including one new club racing member.

B. West Chapter: 10 members were in attendance, the membership discussed the Triad's Sports Car Club Autocross and the West Chapter's involvement with the display of some of our race cars at this event on June 21, 2009.

2. Committees:


C. Membership: Currently there are 794 members in the NC Region, a reduction this year of 9%.

D. Publicity: John Uftring advised that he will be put a link for "Facebook" and "Twitter" on our website.

E. Registration: The Board discussed Motor Sports Registration handling registration for our race events and discussed the pros and cons of same. The Board decided to discuss this matter further at the July BoD meeting, after the Rockingham event is concluded, to determine how registration through Motor Sports Registration was handled for our PDX/Regional event at Rockingham on June 27-28, 2009.

F. Budget and Finance: The Committee has held a B&F meeting and will meet again in August.

G. Heather Powers, John Lindquist, Tim Gardner, Pete Papas, Brendan Scullion all attended, on behalf of the West Chapter, the Triad Sports Car Club's Autocross event in Winston-Salem on June 21st, to drum up support for our Region's PDX event, scheduled for Rockingham the following weekend. It was reported that a lot of good publicity for our Region and our upcoming PDX event was obtained at the Autocross event.

Motion to adjourn (Long/Keadle); Passed 

Honda Performance Development, Inc. Launches Grassroots Motorsports Initiative

Will Develop Products, Services for Amateur, Lower-Level Professional Racers



ELKHART LAKE, Wis. (July 24, 2009) – Honda Performance Development, Inc. (HPD), the authorized Honda and Acura auto racing company in North America, today announced a new automotive initiative targeted at expanding its presence in the grassroots motorsports market.

The broad-based initiative will include the development of products and services that support competition in the amateur and entry-level professional ranks, and will also include integrated marketing activities designed to raise the profile of Honda Racing and HPD.

“For many years, Honda enthusiasts have campaigned our products in racing series throughout the U.S.,” said Erik Berkman, President of Honda Performance Development. “On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Honda brand in the United States, we are pleased to announce that we will now support those efforts directly, by introducing products and services geared toward helping our customers fulfill their racing dreams.”

The new program will ultimately include an array of products and services for Honda and Acura customers who compete in amateur and professional racing. These products include both original equipment parts and racing-performance parts.

To launch its new grassroots initiative, HPD will operate the Honda Racing Line, a club targeted at licensed participants in amateur and entry-level professional racing. The Honda Racing Line will provide its members with a direct connection to Honda Performance Development and its unparalleled record of success at the pinnacle levels of motorsport.


This channel to factory support, which will offer Honda Racing Line members the opportunity to purchase racing-performance parts for expedited delivery, has not existed previously.

“Thousands of our customers are racing Hondas or Acuras today with a need for regular access to parts,” Berkman noted. “A market has clearly been established for a service like the Honda Racing Line. We are pleased to provide that service, and look forward to expanding the roster of benefits and services available to Honda Racing Line members.”

Competitors may register for the Honda Racing Line club and gain access to the parts catalogue through a website portal, HondaRacingLine.com. Additional Racing Line membership benefits will be announced as they are developed.

HPD’s new grassroots motorsports initiative also supports the fans of grassroots racing through an integrated marketing plan, focusing on fan identification with the Honda Racing brand through merchandise sales and additional services.

Specific details regarding other components of the new grassroots motorsports initiative will be announced throughout the year.

Honda Performance Development, Inc. (HPD) is the factory-authorized Honda and Acura racing company within North America. Founded in 1993, and located in Santa Clarita, Calif., HPD is the technical operations center for Honda and Acura’s high-performance racing cars and engines. In addition to its grassroots motorsports participation, HPD is the single engine supplier to the IndyCar Series and competes in prototype sports-car racing under the Acura banner in the American Le Mans Series. 



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Current model – GTA Race Car

Perimeter tube frame with Pontiac Grand Prix GT template fiberglass body. Features 350 cu in motor by Lester Racing Engines, April 2008 with 23 deg heads, 750 Holley, QM Triple Disc, Tex T101 Road Race Dog Box, Winters Quick Change, Penske Adjustables, 4 Spot AP Racing, Billett Hubs, Collapsible Steering Column, New belts, Cool Suit/Helmet System, 3 x Radios, Transponder, New Spare Body, 16 wheels, 8 x "stickers", and a host of spares including Gear Sets, Springs, Shocks, Sway Bars, MSD, Distributor, F/ Pump, Water pump, Alternator, Brake Rotors etc. Much of the body attached with Aircraft Button Bolts. Real Wiring Loom with Diagram.

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2009 NCR Schedule

February 22	Spring Fling @ UNCW - Auto-X
March 7-8	“March Memories” SARRC/Double ECR/CCPS - VIR
March 22	Rumble at the River, New River Air Station - Auto-X
April 5	NCSU SOLO Challenge, McKimmon Center, NCSU, Raleigh (Non-Points Event) - Auto-X
April 17-19	“Oak Tree” Double National and Muscle Milk SCCA Trans-Am Series - VIR
April 22-25	Formula SAE Event (Grand-Am Rolex weekend) - VIR
May 9-10	“Al Fairer SARRC/MARRS Challenge” Double SARRC/Double MARRS - VIR
May 16-17	MayDay on the Runway, New River Air Station (Saturday FREE Novice School) - Auto-X
June 14	RedLine on the Flightline, Cherry Point in Havelock, NC - Auto-X
June 27-28	SCCA/Inter-Club Challenge—Restricted Regional/PDX - Rockingham Speedway
July 12	Sounds of Freedom, New River Air Station - Auto-X
August 22	RiverFront Grand Prix, CFCC (Downtown Wilmington) - Auto-X
Sept. 12-13	PDX - Rockingham Speedway - Cancelled. Look for a PDX at VIR in the Spring of 2010!!
Sept. 20	Black Water SOLO Shootout - Location TBA - Auto-X
October 10-11	Return to the River, New River Air Station (Saturday FREE Novice School) - Auto-X
Oct. 24-25	“Goblins Go” 2010 SARRC/CCPS/ECR - VIR
Oct. 30-31	“Charge of the Headlight Brigade” 13 Hour Enduro - VIR
November 22	RiverView Grand Prix Charity Event, CFCC (Downtown Wilmington) (Auto-X Season Finale!)