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of the South Jersey SCCA*

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## Rubber Meets The Road

Let's get right down to it. In this issue of At Speed, we have lots to cover: opportunities for new and experienced workers and officials, road racers, track day enthusiasts, autocrossers, and rallyists, as well as news and member insights. Enjoy --- there's never been a better time to be part of the South Jersey Racing community.

I encourage you to sign up to receive your newsletter via email. This not only saves the region money and Mother Earth a few trees, but you'll also get the newsletter faster and in full color. Email [SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net](mailto:SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net) with the subject line 'Subscribe' to enroll.

Your humble scribe,  
*Tom Smith*



## Celebrating Award Winners

Kudos to the 2008 season award winners announced at our annual banquet in January 2009.

First and foremost, our 2008 Worker of the Year award recipients are Valerie Heun for Solo II and Dan Zane for Road Racing. We could not enjoy our sport without the extraordinary volunteer efforts of all of our officials that Valerie and Dan epitomize.

In the road racing category, Michael Allenbaugh earned Rookie of the Year honors and Peter Maerz Driver of the Year. In Solo II, Ahren Ciotti is our Rookie honoree and Scott Boito Driver of the Year. They join a long legacy of talented drivers from our region and should be proud of their accomplishments.

Club Racing drivers should send brief updates on their results during the 2009 season to [SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net](mailto:SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net) for recognition in At Speed and consideration for 2009 awards. I expect our 2009 honors to be hotly contested.

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New Jersey Road Racing Series: [www.njr-rs.com](http://www.njr-rs.com)

Please submit content and comments to [SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net](mailto:SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

## Solo II Corner

The 2008 Solo season was another very successful program. We ran eight events at Camden County College and had a great mix of old friends and new faces. While the lots' condition continued to provide a challenge, Andre Downey, as always, came through with great course designs to avoid the trouble spots as best as possible while making fun, challenging and surprisingly fast courses.

The season champions are as follows:

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|--------------------------|--|
| A Stock                  | Michael Yeung in a 2006 Honda S2000        |
| B Stock                  | Joe Pilato in a 1986 Porsche 944 Turbo     |
| C Stock                  | Stacy LaBelle in a Mazda Miata             |
| D Stock                  | Brion Martin in a 2004 BMW 330i            |
| E Stock                  | Dan DiFlavis in a Mazda Miata              |
| G Stock                  | Ben Peacock in a 2004 Ford Focus SVT       |
| C Street Prepared        | Brian Heun in a 1995 Mazda Miata           |
| D Street Prepared        | Jeff Dutre 1997 Saturn SL2                 |
| E Street Prepared        | Joe Tramp in a 1988 Ford Mustang           |
| B Prepared               | John Brennan in a Porsche 944 Turbo        |
| G Prepared               | Bill Hall in a 1975 Triumph Spitfire       |
| STS                      | Scott Boito in a 1991 Honda Civic          |
| STS2                     | Barry Hall in a 1990 Mazda Miata           |
| STX                      | John Robertson in a 2004 Subaru WRX Wagon  |
| STU                      | Derrick Min in a Subaru WRX Wagon          |
| Street Mod               | Ralph Foy in a Subaru Impreza              |
| Street Mod II            | Ronald Murphy in a Honda S2000             |
| C Street Prepared Ladies | Valerie Heun in a 1995 Mazda Miata         |
| STS Ladies               | Danielle Larson in an Acura RSX-S          |
| STX Ladies               | Carol Robertson in a 2004 Subaru WRX Wagon |
| PAX                      | Derrick Min in a Subaru WRX Wagon          |
| Driver of the Year       | Scot Boito                                 |
| Rookie of the Year       | Ahren Ciotti                               |
| Worker of the Year       | Valerie Heun                               |

2009 is gearing up to be another excellent season. We are starting off with a joint Winter Series with Philadelphia Region. The first event was at New Jersey Motorsports Park on January 18. There will be an event at Citizens Bank Park on February 8 followed by another event at NJMP on March 8 and the final event on March 22 at Citizens Bank Park.

We will be having the regular session events back at Camden County College. Dates should be announced shortly.

Brian Heun  
Solo Co-Chair

*For exciting pictures of Solo II action by our own Ahren Ciotti go to [www.ciottiindustries.com/gallery/](http://www.ciottiindustries.com/gallery/) and click on the Autocross gallery. Thanks Ahren for donating his artistry.*

## Get Involved! Turn your dreams into reality, be part of the action

March provides the perfect opportunity to learn any specialty in a low impact, low pressure, high experience environment at our upcoming Club Racing Drivers School and Performance Driving Experience (PDX) to be held at New Jersey Motorsports Park's Lightning Circuit March 20-22.

Anyone who has been on the fence thinking about volunteering for an SCCA road racing event should come out. From Registration through Technical Inspection, Flagging and Communication, Grid, Sound Control, Timing and Scoring and all our specialties, "the more the merrier" according to event chair J.D. King. "It's a great way to start the season, learn something new, get crew and friends and family out, and share the excitement that is SCCA Road Racing," J.D. commented at our last membership meeting.

"We have a full slate of road racing events at NJMP this year, including an SCCA National race in June, Mid-Atlantic Road Racing Series (MARRS) and North Atlantic Road Racing Championship (NARRC) regional events in July and August, the Jersey Road Racing Classic (JERRC) in October, plus the opportunity to work at professional series at NJMP including the Rolex Daytona Prototype and ARCA series events," he added.

Contact anyone of the specialty chiefs listed in At Speed, email [SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net](mailto:SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net), or just show up at registration on Friday evening March 20 at NJMP!

## Rally On

Jim Wakeman ([jwakemen43@aol.com](mailto:jwakemen43@aol.com)) reports that all are invited to discover the wonderful back roads of South Jersey in our 2009 rally program.

The South Jersey Region will present both Course and Tour type Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) road rallies. TSD road rallies are held on public roads at speeds less than posted limits. Each car entered has a driver and navigator, and are given a set of route instructions to follow and target speeds to maintain. Cars are started at one minute intervals without advance knowledge of the route, and along the route there are controls where rally workers time each car's arrival. The score for the team is calculated by how early or late the controls are reached.

Course TSD rallies include deceptive instructions called 'traps' to add to the challenge or reaching each checkpoint at the correct time and place --- if you like to solve puzzles Course TSD rallies are for you! --- and Tour TSD are rallies without 'traps'.

Rallies are social events that end at pub type restaurants where scores are tallied and trophies are awarded.

Go to [www.sjr-scca.org](http://www.sjr-scca.org) and click on the Rally tab for full information on the fantastic 2009 schedule that Jim has created, as well as for information on how to rally.

The Spring Fling Rally is Sunday March 29 beginning in Pitman NJ. Contact Jim for more information. New and experienced rallyists are all welcome, so let's kick off the season with a great turnout.

## Fly High – Club Racers and Track Day Enthusiasts Take Note

SCCA Club Racing Drivers School at NJMP's Lightning Circuit March 20-22. Performance Driving Experience (PDX) for track day enthusiasts is running alongside the drivers school on Saturday, adding a timed level 2 PDX on Sunday for bragging rights. Car ready? How's that right foot feeling? Go to [www.dlbracing.com](http://www.dlbracing.com) to register as a participant or worker. Do it. Now.

Need your annual tech? Come out to NJMP Lightning on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am.

With our National points race in June, regional championship series races in July and August, and season-capping Jersey Road Racing Classic in October, don't be caught short without a competition license and tech'd car. There's pavement waiting for you.



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# Thunderbolts



*Autocrosses warm the winter!* March 8, New Jersey Motorsports Park. March 22, Citizens Bank Park. Brian Heun 609 927 0126 x107 or [www.phillyscca.com/solo2/](http://www.phillyscca.com/solo2/). Challenge yourself against the clock through the cones with speed and precision. Your car will thank you for the exercise.



*Cars on Track!* South Jersey Region returns to Lightning March 21-22 with an SCCA Club Racing Drivers' School for aspiring drivers wishing to earn a competition license. Running in conjunction with the Drivers' School will be a Performance Driving Experience (PDX) so you can put your car on track in a controlled environment. Drivers, officials, workers, and instructors are needed. [www.dlbracing.com](http://www.dlbracing.com) for all the information and registration.



## *Racing at New Jersey Motorsports Park*

We have two of the greatest drivers' tracks in North America in our backyard, and we're going to tear up some tires and burn some asphalt in 2009. Here's the rundown:

- National + ProIT on Thunderbolt! June 6-7
- Regional at Lightning July 18-19 (MARRS and NARRC series!!)
- Regional at Thunderbolt August 22-23 (MARRS and NARRC series!!)
- Jersey Road Race Classic and ProIT October 17-18

This is the chance for you, your family, and friends to make our Motorsports program the finest in the nation. Drivers, officials, workers, anyone who wants to help or just see what racing is all about --- come and join us!



*Simeone Museum* [www.simeonefoundation.org](http://www.simeonefoundation.org) is a true jewel for all car lovers right in our backyard near the Philadelphia airport. Dr. Simeone's car collection is breathtaking and is presented in a fashion SCCA members can appreciate. His collection of rare racing cars are presented with a balance of full restorations mixed with many cars that appear just as they would have looked coming off of a race track or hillclimb. Sheer joy awaits you thanks to the good Doctor's passion and respect for racing history. Enjoy it.



*Matthew DiRenzo opens shop* in Voorhees, NJ ([www.direnzoracing.com](http://www.direnzoracing.com)) offering engineering, preparation, and driver coaching services. Matthew ran up front at the RunOffs 2003-2006 and was the 2003 SCCA National Jim Fitzgerald Rookie of the Year. Your program can benefit from his experience and skills.

## *Lightning Up*

Andrew Zimmerman takes to Sebring for an enduro and winter camping ...

He commented, "Drive-gear.com once again had a great outing down in Sebring at Winterfest, a 6 hour night enduro." Grumblings about a 19 hour tow and the effects of camping out in the cold aside, it appears that the gang had a good time.



Dave Back reflects on flagging at the first NJMP SCCA race in July 2008 ...

"As the music of revving engines and quick gear changes echoed down the front straight, the fast approaching race cars were greeted by the starter's green flag marking this historical event and the beginning of a new era of SCCA racing in South Jersey for the first time in forty years!"

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Member meeting: March 11, Filomena Cucina Rustica, 13 Cross Keys Rd, West Berlin 856 753 3540. 8pm but come early! You'll like this place.

Autocross: March 8<sup>th</sup> at New Jersey Motorsports Park.

Club Racing Drivers' School: March 21-22 at NJMP.

Performance Driving Experience (PDX):  
March 21-22 at NJMP.



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