



South Jersey Region SCCA
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A Season Springs to Life

There has never been a better time to be part of the South Jersey Racing community!

Our road racing season at New Jersey Motorsports Park kicked off with a fantastic drivers school, PDX, and level 2 Time Trial on the Lightning circuit. Our rally program is growing, we have a Grand-Am event the first weekend of May for workers and volunteers, a National in early June on Thunderbolt, and another autocross season in the works. Pull the belts tight and hang on --- 2009 promises to be a heck of a ride for all our members, families, and friends.

Enjoy the updates from J.D. King and Jim Wakeman inside!

I welcome any and all submissions for At Speed: email to SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net. I'll be preparing At Speed the last week of each month.

Email newsletter update

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 with the subject line 'Subscribe' to enroll and your name in the body of the note. 7 people signed up based on our first request. We'll begin the email service after we receive more subscribers and have a critical mass.

2009 Road Racing Driver Results

Club Racing drivers should send brief updates on their results during the 2009 season to SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net for recognition in At Speed and consideration for 2009 awards. I expect our 2009 driver honors to be hotly contested. Please be sure we have your information!

New Members

Please join me in welcoming our February 2009 new members:

David Brown, Merchantville
Earle Collins, Somers Point
Christopher Dilks, Lumberton
Brian Gomez, Coatesville PA
Peter Hain, Cape May
Donald Lipira, Trenton
Kevin Marriner, Cape May
Nicole Norcross, Williamstown
Michael O'Neil, Voorhees
Matthew Roberts, Egg Harbor
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Your humble scribe,
Tom Smith



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New Jersey Road Racing Series: www.njrrs.com

SJR passes Driver School weekend with flying colors

J.D. King, Race Chair

The first ever Drivers School offering competition SCCA licenses at NJMP was held March 21st and 22nd. It was a combined effort of the South Jersey and Northern New Jersey regions acting together as the Jersey Racing Board. With ample help by the Philadelphia and Washington D.C. region members we were able to put on a great event.

Valerie Heun and her accomplices met our students and volunteers with a warm and friendly hello at the registration center. Her smiling face and pleasant demeanor is a welcomed site by those who have traveled far and wide to be with us.

With the Lightning circuit paddock and track as our Study Hall, students gathered in the classroom on Friday night to study under instructor Brian Holtz and flag chief Dan Zane.

Saturday morning dawned chilly but clear and sunny. As the students wiped the stardust from their eyes the scheduled format unfolded before them. The sights of new racing suits, students with the look of wonderment on their faces, and the sounds of engines warming on the first day of Spring. Taking in this scene makes one realize that this is a great way to start off any racing season.

Cars were hustled through technical inspection by Mike Murphy and Bill Etherington. A group of volunteers materialized to help with cars that had showed up for the PDX and Time Trials that would run in conjunction with the school.

Instructors took to the track with students along for the ride as the finer points of driving a proper line around the track were explained to them, and then turned the track over to the students to enjoy!

Lead instructors Matt Rooke and myself held classroom debriefings throughout the weekend where a general curriculum was followed. Individual instructors would then add comments and then give one on one instruction before returning the students to their cars to begin the cycle again. The instructors came from far and wide, but we did have a good number of the SJR licensed drivers on hand to give expert advice.

An SCCA hallmark is the ability to keep by a demanding schedule, which was made by Professor Terry Hanushek. Combining our school, with a PDX and Time Trial was an SCCA first. Looking back on the weekend, the schedule was a masterful piece of work made with enough foresight to be able to absorb anything that may cause a delay, such as an oiled down track or a broke down car. Both of which happened more than once.

Johnny Bornholdt, one of the South Jersey Region founding members, acted as the Chairman of the Stewards. He had a pleased look on his face and that surely meant he was smitten with way his region was utilizing a track that had for so long been an absent part of our racing history. Let's call him the Dean of the School!

There are so many to thank: Chief Steward, Dave Panas; Chief Instructor, Butch O'Conner; Jack Oliver and Linda Louie in T&S; Dave Hess, Matt Green, and Matt Rowe on the PDX side; Kevin Bailey and Diane O'Conner on Grid; David Teal, Stan and Shirley Wantland on Start; Stan Wantland instructing over 40 novice flaggers; and that only scratches the surface of all those who worked so hard to make my job as Race Chair and the entire event a pleasant and fun experience for all!

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

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.

Volunteer today for Flagging and Communications, Scrutineering and Tech, Timing and Scoring, Grid, Pit and Paddock, Sound, Registration, Start, or Emergency --- our specialty chiefs, your region, and all the competitors are counting on you, and you will have the time of your life!

Contact anyone of the specialty chiefs listed in At Speed, email JRB@njrrs.com or SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net and we'll see you at the track!

Rally On

Jim Wakeman (jwakemen43@aol.com)

The South Jersey Region held a very successful rally weekend on March 28th and 29th. Dave Teter rallymastered the March Lamb (ML) on Saturday and had 27 cars entered. Mark Haas' Spring Fling (SF) on Sunday had 15 entries. Contestants were offered a Course Rally with traps or a straightforward Tour rally on each day. The ML Course rally featured Numbered Route Instructions and Special Instructions as well as Main Road Determinants of protection, onto and a variable T rule. The SF Course rally featured Jumble Instructions and a variable T rule. The Jumble instructions were sets of 3 instructions that had only two of the three being executed while the remaining instruction was canceled after the first two were completed. Double winners for the weekend were Frank Bochanski and Pete Chezik in Tour Stock with 52 on the ML and 44 on the SF. R Bruce Gezon and Clyde Heckler won both the Course Stock classes with 102 for First overall on the ML and 37 on the SF. Steve Gaddy and Chris Bean won both rallies with in Limited class 559 on the ML and 368 on the SF. Splitting the Tour Equipped class wins were Lois VanVleet and Johns Emmons with 13 on the ML and Ron Ferris and John Sears with 11 on the SF. The Course rallies were split in Equipped class with Chuck Larouere and Bob Morseburg winning the ML with 380. Jack von Kaenal and Jim Freidman turned the best performance of the weekend with a spectacular score of 2 (yes just 2!) while taking the top spot in Equipped on the SF. Complete results can be seen on the SJR web site www.sjr-scca.org.



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A Drivers School Worth Remembering

Several our members took to the track on New Jersey Motorsports Park's Lightning circuit March 21-22. The lovely and talented Brian Heun added to his autocross and track day experience, enjoying the infamous 'Wed Wabbit' ITC Volkswagen and smiling all weekend. Kyle Robertson and Mike Thomas were there in Spec Racer Fords, John Redden and John Hainsworth in ITS. If I have missed anyone, forgive me (and please send in your school memories to SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net!).

Our new drivers represented South Jersey Region very well indeed. I was particularly encouraged by the great race between John Redden and John Hainsworth for the ITS win to end the weekend. John Hainsworth was in the Sue King/J.D. King Datsun 240Z, and John Redden in a BMW E30 from Andrew Zimmerman's Drive-gear.com stable. Both drivers made great use of the 3 practice starts to move up to the front, and found themselves racing for the ITS lead (and 2nd overall) during the 5 lap race. Redden really stepped it up in the heat of competition, pushing Hainsworth hard and making him use every bit of the speed he had shown during the school. Two picture-perfect drives ended with Hainsworth taking the checkers just ahead of Redden. Nice job gentlemen! This bodes well for SJR: we've always distinguished ourselves through the quality of our racers!

Right: Hainsworth leads Redden through Turn 7.

Below: Morning comes gold --- and cold!

Far below: The closed wheel race group in impound ending a great weekend for all.



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Quality Inn, Millville offers SCCA members special \$84.95 rates for our race weekends, and 15% off on other race weekends at NJMP. Just ask for the SCCA rate when you book your reservation.



Historic Racing Group (HRG) www.historicracing.org. announces its schedule:

July 3-4 at Lime Rock (with VSCCA and Jaguar Club)

July 25-26 at Watkins Glen

August 22-23 at NJMP

Sept 19-20 at Watkins Glen

Oct 17-18 at NJMP

HRG features the historic race cars you dream about and great competition. Their races are worth watching!



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!



Oldies But Goodies Rally Saturday April 29 jwakemen43@aol.com or 856 228 9249 is open to all types of cars, SUV's, small trucks, vintage and antique autos. It is a time-speed-distance rally held on scenic public rural roads. All speeds that must be averaged will be below posted speed limits. Each car will contain a team of two contestants, a driver and navigator. The entry fee is \$35 per vehicle with a \$5 discount for paying before the day of the event. Entries will be divided by experience and equipment. Rally registration will be held at 5:30pm at JG Cook's Carolina Blue Restaurant at 692 Lambs Road in Pitman, NJ.



Matthew DiRenzo opens shop in Voorhees, NJ (www.direnzoring.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

Who you'll meet at the track ...

There are so many great people to meet at an SCCA event. Next time you're there, take the time to ask someone about his or her background --- whether it be someone you just met, or someone you've seen at the track for years, you may be surprised what you learn.

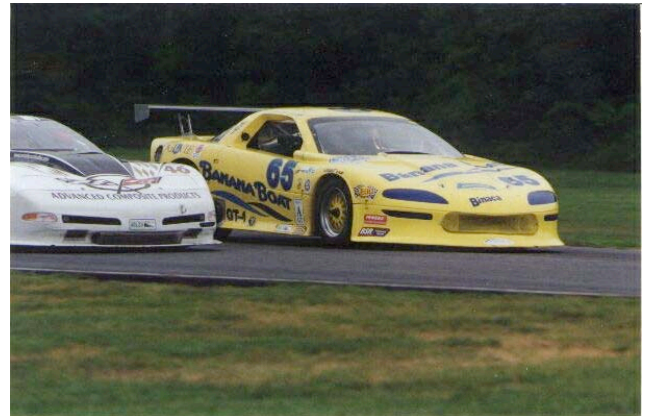
Meet Frank Sanchez, competitor, driving instructor, and preparer of some fine racecars including his GT-1 Camaro, SPU Maserati powered Daytona, and (new for 2009) CSR. Frank humbly, graciously, and quietly says "I am a very lucky racer."

So what do you learn when you ask him about his background?

"I raced open wheel for about 15 years. During that time I raced an OUTLAW Gambler Sprint car powered by a 531 C.I. alcohol powered Gaerte motor, an RT4, a Martini Super Vee, an Anson Super Vee, a Ralt RT 5 Super Vee, a March 822 Formula 2 car, a March 84 C Indy car and an Indy Lights Lola T 9320.

My closed wheel experience runs the full spectrum a Bug Eye Sprite, C Production Lotus Elan, numerous Trans-Am /GT1 cars, an LMP1 car, a Jackie Ickx Can Am Lola T 333 CS and a two year stint in a Nascar Busch car."

This year marks Frank's 37th year of SCCA competition.



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Member meeting: April 8, Filomena Cucina Rustica, 13 Cross Keys Rd, (between Rt. 73 and 30) West Berlin 856 753 3540. 8pm but come early! You'll like this place.

Rolex Grand-Am series at NJMP May 1-3!
Volunteers welcome!

Oldies But Goodies Rally April 29 ---
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