

Reno SCCA e-Newsletter

Hello Reno SCCA members and friends. Until our newsletter starts coming again, we will send an e-Newsletter periodically. While we know that some people don't have Email or Web access, most members do and we will print some copies to hand out to those who don't.

This Newsletter is broken into three sections:

1. Results from the Sadie Hawkins event and Point Standings as of October 8, 2002
2. Final 2002 Season Events This Weekend (Oct. 12 & 13)
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Happy reading!

Eric Gangloff

Assistant Regional Executive – Reno SCCA

Results from the Sadie Hawkins event and Point Standings as of October 8, 2002

The Sadie Hawkins course had a tight start on Saturday, which was opened up on Sunday, speeding the runs and making many of the high-horsepower, big-turning-circle drivers happy. The event was great fun both days. On Saturday, Top Time of Day (TTD) honors went to Gary Gerard in his F125 shifter kart with a 55.539. That performance would have also given him top PAX time, had he not entered as Run No Points. Top time of any car went to Dave Heppler in the Falcon, with a 58.599. This also gave him top PAX time honors, with almost a two-second gap to the next best PAX finish, by Chris Dellimagine. Among the women, TTD went to Patty Evans with a 64.119, also giving her top PAX time.

On Sunday, John Lefcourte took TTD with a 52.132. Chris Valentino was second fastest of the cars both days. Top PAX time Sunday went to Dave Heppler again, this time only 0.2 seconds faster than Chris Dellimagine. Among the women, Jane McKenna took top time with a 53.191, also giving her top PAX time.

As the 2002 autocross season draws close to completion, a number of hotly contested classes have started to resolve their likely winners. I'll go over a few of the close ones here. First of all, in the ever-close Open PAX race, John Perry continues to lead, but is now only 7 points above Eric Gangloff. Similarly, the gap between second and third place has closed and Eric is now only 7 points above Chris Dellimagine. The PAX race could very well end up that way, but it's still anyone's race. If any of these three guys no-show for events, Dave Heppler could also step from fourth on up—he's currently 16 points behind Chris. In the Ladies' PAX contest, it's currently Patty Evans on top with 246 points, followed by Debbie Kerswill with 229 and Helen Perry with 213. If all three show up for the final weekend, it will likely stay that way.

In ASP, if BJ shows up both days, he'll likely take 2nd place over Jim Uchytel. John Perry has the #1 spot in ASP locked up. In BSP, Dave DeBorde is now 10 points ahead of Jeff Steele—making him the likely class champ. Dave Heppler just eclipsed Ben Bingham for the CP points lead, and will likely win the class if he makes the remaining events. In CSP, Jim Gandy has pulled ahead of Mike Kapic by winning the last four events in a row, giving him a 10-point lead and forcing Mike to win both remaining events for a tie. Since Jamie Kearney stopped attending events in DS, Todd Mauldin will win the class, and Edy Eddins should tie Jamie for 2nd. Although Chris Valentino has won the last four events in EM, Sid Nelson's perfect attendance will give him the class honors. In EP, although John Riggs Jr. has won five events in a row, he started too late in the season to beat John Townley—unless he doesn't show for the remaining events. The ESP race remains a close one, with Chuck Tischler only 7 points ahead of Jimmy Geck. In Street Tire, John Evans has the #1 spot locked up, and if Patty Evans attends the remaining events she'll likely take 2nd place. If Mike Mulhall shows up for the remaining events he'll likely take third. In the final close class, SU, it looks like the battle of the Bensons for first—Greg Benson is 14 points ahead of Matt, but Greg has been running in CP lately...will he attend the remaining events in SU to retain first place?

Final 2002 Season Events This Weekend (Oct. 12 & 13)

This weekend's events, chaired by Pat Housel, will be the last of the 2002 season in the Reno region. We will have a normal autocross on Saturday, followed by libations and pizza at Galileo's on Lemon Drive in the Scoleri's shopping center (on the left corner of the center) off Lemmon Drive.

Sunday will be an Enduro--with three (or more) two-lap runs instead of the normal one-lap runs.

The course design is a combination low-horsepower, front-wheel-drive driver's (Pat) and high-horsepower rear-wheel-driver's (Dave Heppler) car design--it should be a fast and fun course!

Pat and others will be arriving at Stead to set up on Friday at 11 AM--if you can help they would appreciate it.

The run groups are as follows:

October 12 Points event #18, Stead G, W, Y, B

October 13 Points event #19, Stead B, G, W, Y

*Y = Yellow - DS, ES, FS, GS, HS, Nxx (Street Tire)

*B = Blue - AS, BS, CS, AM, BM, CM, DM, EM, FM, F125, FJr, SFJr

*W = White - SS, ASP, SM, SM2, SU, AP, BP, CP, DP, EP, FP

*G = Green - BSP, CSP, DSP, ESP, FSP, STS, STX

REgion NEWS – AUGUST 2002

It's hard to believe but we are nearing the end of the racing season. Many competitors are already looking to next year with plans for new cars or modification to existing rides. It is also time for the Club to look forward to the off-season. Plans are in place for the Awards Banquet on November 16 at the National Auto Museum, please get your reservations in early. Annie & Dick Lewis have graciously volunteered to host the Awards Banquet and promise to top last years great event. Note from Eric: If you haven't registered for the Banquet yet, you can contact Annie Lewis at MiataAnnie@aol.com for more info. .

Preparation for the Annual Meeting is underway as well. This involves developing a slate of elected officers and directors, and a revision to the By-Laws to update the Club emblem and revise the definition of a quorum for voting purposes. All officer positions are one year terms and the two Directors-At-Large are two year alternating terms. If any Reno Region member would like to get on the ballot for any of the following positions please let me know

Regional Executive

Assistant Regional Executive

Secretary

Treasurer

Activities Director

Director-At-Large (1)

Another "off season" activity that warrants consideration is the NORPAC Convention. The North Pacific Division of the Sports Car Club of America has voted to hold the convention in Reno for the foreseeable future. The 2003 convention will be at the Atlantis Resort Casino on January 10, 11 & 12. The 2003 convention is being hosted by the Northwest Region with assistance from Reno Region. The 2004 convention will be hosted by the Reno Region. Everyone who has an interest in preservation, ownership and operation of sports cars and wishes to assist in establishing rules and regulations covering all activities of the Club will want to attend. At a minimum it is my goal to get each officer of the Reno Region, Sports Car Club of America to the Atlantis in January. To help encourage Reno Region members' attendance, the NORPAC Board of Directors has approved a discounted registration fee of \$50.00 for our members that includes all activities except Saturday & Sunday breakfast. (the normal fee is \$75.00) Visit our web site for registration forms and please give me a call if you have any questions at (775) 267-4845.

Finally, I would like to commend all the event chairs this season. We have had a huge variety of course designs and some great themes. Thank you to the Perry/Jones team for June event, the Riggs for the July event, the Nelsons for the Boreal Bar-B-Cross and the Lewis's for the Sadie Hawkins event last weekend. The events were all very different but all very successful, thanks in no small part to the large amount of preparation on the part of the event chairs.

Hope to see you all at our last autocross of the season on October 12 & 13. Pat Housel and Dave Hepler have what looks to be a quick course design and have included a two-lap enduro on Sunday.

Dave Deborde

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