

# Buccaneer Times

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## Five Track Records Fall at Tom Nehl National

By Lindsay Fox  
Buccaneer Times Editor

Threatening weather didn't stop the racing action at Roebing Road Raceway March 8 and 9 as the track records in five different classes were recorded.

Jacek Mucha beat the current CSR record by almost two seconds posting a new lap record of 1:05.691. Neal Spicler set a new F500 record at a lap of 1:13.279. Tom Nastasi lost his CSR record, but picked up a new best in FA with a 1:02.627. Phillip Simms bettered the record he set last July in GT1 posting a time of 1:09.744. Phil Croyle added to his SSB record by setting a fast time of 1:23.280 in T2.

The Tom Nehl National was attended by over 130 national competitors. There were seven groups full of racing action.

One of the most exciting races of the

weekend was the F500/FV race. James Lyle Jr.

and Wesley Wilfong battled for the F500 lead all 23 laps of the event. Lyle took

top honors beating out Wilfong by 0.400 seconds. The Spec Racer Ford group was another thrilling race.

A full-course caution was needed to clean up two

cars in turn two close to the start of the race.

During the yellow a slow drizzle began, which wet the track just enough to make it slick.

When the

green flag flew again Mark Eaton jumped out to a



Spec Racer Ford Restart



John Hall Jr. on his way to victory in T1



F500 winner James Lyle Jr.



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### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Next newsletter deadline is May 15
- ◆ Roebing Road Open House is April 26
- ◆ Speed Freakz is Going Away
- ◆ Next Board Meeting April 7 in Brunswick

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# Letter From the Editor



The racing season is in full swing now. The Tom Nehl National is behind us but we have a full year of racing to look forward to.

I made my annual pilgrimage to the North American mecca of sportscar racing--known to some as the 12 Hours of Sebring. What a great event and great showing of the world's greatest sportscars.

Of course the weekend before I was at Roebing Road with some of the greatest people in sportscar racing at the Tom Nehl National. We still seem to be having a worker shortage. It is most important to have enough people to cover all of the turns.

As for timing and scoring we had a great crew and everything went smoothly. We not only able to print results across the track, we were able to send live data across the way so the crews and tech officials could see exactly what was going on.

Looking into the future we have a Board meeting the 7th of April and the Jim Stark Double SARRC (see entry form enclosed) at the end of the month.

If you would like to volunteer for a specialty please give that chief a call or drop them an e-mail. If you'd like to try something new, now's the time to do it. That way you'll be trained and ready to go for the Double National in July.

The Jim Stark weekend is also our Open House. We need cars and help at the booth to show newbies what our Club is all about.

I hope to see you all at the track, but if not I can always be reached at:

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## RE Ramblings

By Ted Migchelbrink  
Regional Executive

Well by the time you read this the Tom Nehl National will be "in the Books". What a race it was. The numbers of competitors was down some from last year but the intensity of the racing kept the excitement levels high. There were a number of track records set and the weekend closed with no major incidents. I will let the folks who were closer to the action fill you in on the details of that event.

We have been invited to participate in the Hilton Head Concourse d'Elegance in November. The concourse will be

Sunday Nov. 2 and Saturday will be titled the Festival of Performance Cars. Our part of the program would be Saturday. I think this is an enormous opportunity to showcase our club to an entirely different group of auto enthusiasts. The way I envision our display of cars is that although they are not show cars they will show the wide range of vehicles that we enjoy. I would like to see us bring 10 cars which is the max allowed. I would like to see everything from an H/S autocross car to a Formula open wheeler. The Concourse committee will

make the final decision on entries. There are entry forms in this issue of the Times and the entry deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>. There are some great perks that go along with this show, including tickets to Sundays event, so come on Buccaneer Region, lets show our stuff. Give me a call if you have any questions.

In closing I would like thank all the people that devoted so much time making the Tom Nehl race a success. The event went along without a hitch but the modest number of volunteers will surely result in a poor review

from the officials. We could have used at least a dozen more workers. With more tracks coming on line and more events planned, the shortage of workers will continue to grow. Without the help of workers from other regions we would not have had an event. Our region must expand our worker base if we are to continue hosting quality events. Please consider joining our worker team. Please look around and invite those friends and acquaintances that you think may be an asset or that may enjoy our sport. Thanks for reading these comments.

## Coastal Empire Autocross for Charity

Lindsay Fox  
Buccaneer Times Editor

On Sunday, March 16, 23 autocrossers gathered at Groves High School in Garden City, Ga. to hold a charity autocross event.

Wilson Brewer took top honors with a PAX time of 38.7359. Shane Lovely was runner up with a time of 38.9123. They were followed by Mike Powers, Mark Gray and Peter Hendy.



Wilson Brewer on his way to victory



Everyone waiting for their run at Groves High School

# Trackside

By Art Corbitt  
Flagging and  
Communications Chief

Report on Tom Nehl Race: The races were an excellent reason people should come and see what the SCCA is really all about. Good races. The Tom Nehl Trophy was won by GT-2 # 87. He did not win the race, but outclassed a lot of GT-1s. One of the best races was the Formula 500s. Two cars switched the lead many times before the checker came out. The races were very clean with very little contact between cars, surprising since the Spec Racer Ford field was so large.

Saturday night we gave away almost \$2000.00 in worker gifts. Each person who worked the event in any specialty was given a ticket and when the person's number was called they got to draw a

number. The prizes were numbered, so they got the prize with the number they drew.

Worker turnout: To have an event, we want two people per turn, preferably three. Roebing has eight turns, meaning we needed at least 16 people, but 24 would have been better. Actual turnout: 12. Not a good showing, and the report on the race will reflect it. It will not be long until some of the workers we have now will not be able to work for some reason or other, will racing at Roebing disappear?

I know with the number of people in the Buccaneer Region we should be able to have a race of our own using only Buccaneer members. As it stands, we have to rely on other

regions to help us fill the turns. There are enough people in the Jacksonville autocross program that we would love to have come up and learn to work corners, or any specialty for that matter. If it were not for the generosity of the Board of Directors, there would not be a Jacksonville autocross program. Please return this favor by coming out and giving it a try. We have a place for you to stay, give you lunch Saturday and Sunday, a T-shirt, and a chance to win a nice prize. Plus, you might find that spending some time with racers, you will learn a few speed secrets.

Contact me at :  
amcflagger@aol.com with your comments or to work.



Mark Stoll took eighth place at the March 16 event



Brad Skinner posted a PAX time of 43.1390



## Schedule of Events

2003

### April

5-6	Driver School	CFR	Daytona
6	Solo II-Jacksonville		Gainesville
12-13	ECR	SCAR	Roebing Road
26-27	Jim Stark Double SARRC	Buccaneer	Roebing Road

### May

3-4	National/ECR	CFR	Daytona
9-10	Solo I Hillclimb	ATL	Brasstown Bald
9-10	SARRC/SARRC/MARRS/MARRS	NCAR	VIR
17-18	Solo I Sparta Hillclimb	CCAR	Sparta, NC
17-18	Regional/Vintage/Citrus Enduro	FLA	Moroso
24-25	Solo I	WireG	Skelly Field
24-26	SARRC/SARRC/ECR	CCAR	CMP
25	Solo II-Jacksonville		Whitehouse

### June

7-8	Regional/Vintage	CFR	Sebring Club
7-8	Driver School	FLA	Moroso
7-8	National/Double Pro IT	ATL	Road Atlanta
21-22	SARRC/ECR/Carolina Cup	CCAR	Lowe's
21-22	Regional/Vintage/Citrus Enduro	FLA	Moroso
29	Solo II-Jacksonville		Whitehouse

### July

4-6	Lou Ella Cook Double National	SEDiv	Roebing Road
12-13	Regional/Vin/SARRC/Citrus Enduro	FLA	Moroso
19-20	Drivers School	CFR	Sebring Club
26-27	SARRC/ECR/Pro-IT	ATL	Road Atlanta

## August

2-3	SARRC/SARRC	CFR	Daytona
9-10	National	NCAR	VIR
9-10	Solo I/Solo II	CCAR	CMP
16-17	SARRC/ECR	SCAR	CMP
30-31	Regional/Vin/ECR	CFR	Sebring Long
30-1	SARRC/SARRC/Pro-IT	ATL/ALA	Road Atlanta

## September

13-14	Open Wheel/Vintage	BUCC	Roebing Road
13-14	Regional/Vin/Citrus Enduro	FLA	Homestead
15-21	Valvoline Runoffs		Mid-Ohio
20	Divisional Road Rally	CHATT	Chattanooga

## October

4-5	SARRC Invitational Challenge	SEDiv	Roebing Road
18	Solo I	ALA	Talladega
18-19	ECR/2004 SARRC	NCAR	VIR
18-19	Restricted Regional	CFR	Sebring Club
18-19	Regional/ECR	FLA	Homestead

## November

1-2	Drivers School	NCAR	VIR-North Course
1-2	Solo I	NCAR	VIR-South Course
7-8	SARRC	ATL	Road Atlanta
15-16	Solo I	BUCC	Roebing Road
22-23	2004 SARRC/ECR/Regional	FLA	Homestead
29-30	Regional/Vin/2004 SARRC	CFR	Sebring Long



## Buccaneer Region Double SARRC Entry Form

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

2003 Jim Stark Memorial  
 SARRC/SARRC Races  
 April 26-27, 2003  
 Entry Fee: \$250 double,  
 \$150 single  
 SRF: add \$10 per event  
 Late Fee: \$50 if postmarked  
 after April 12, 2003  
 No-Shows: Checks shredded



Sanction No. 03-RS-63-P  
 Sanction No. 03-RS-64-P  
 Make Checks Payable To:  
 Buccaneer Region, SCCA

Mail entry to: Wanda Cecil  
 1040 Slatestone Trail  
 Columbia, SC 29203

Held under the SARRC & SCCA General Competition Rules

Make	Model	Color	Class	Car Number Desired
				1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____
Transponder #				

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Competition License No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Region of Record: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crew Member: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

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Group #
Car #
Class
Postmark
Fee Recvd
Passes

I agree to enter under the current General Competition rules of the Sports Car Club of America and the Supplementary Regulations pertaining to this event. I further confirm the car I have entered complies with all GCR requirements for the Class, Category, and Race in which it is entered above.

Entrant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DRIVER MEDICAL INFORMATION**  
 (Must be completed by Driver. PLEASE PRINT)

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Emergency Notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Blood Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Illnesses/Injuries in Past 12 Months: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print YES or NO: Contact Lenses: \_\_\_\_\_ Dentures: \_\_\_\_\_ Asthmatic: \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic: \_\_\_\_\_ Epileptic: \_\_\_\_\_ Hemophilia: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religious Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Organ Donor? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Tetanus Shot: \_\_\_\_\_

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Group #
Car #
Class

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**TIMING AND SCORING INFORMATION**  
 (Must be completed by Driver. PLEASE PRINT)

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Region of Record: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Transponder#: \_\_\_\_\_

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Group #
Car #
Class

# Buccaneer Region Double SARRC Schedule

## EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, April 25

Registration Opens	6:00pm
Late Registration	7:00-9:00 pm
Tech Inspection	6:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, April 26

Registration-Workers & Groups 1&2	7:30-11:00 am
Registration-All	8:30-11:00 am
Tech Inspection	7:30-end of qualifying
NO RACE ENGINES BEFORE 8:00 AM	
Scales Open	10:00 am-15 min. after qualifying
Race Staff Report	8:00 am
Communications Check	8:25 am
Green Course	8:30 am
Qualifying	20 min. sessions run consecutively by group
Drivers Meeting	At tech shed immed. after qualifying
Lunch Break	After qualifying (1 hour)
SARRC Races 1-7	17-Lap races groups 1-7 run consecutively
Worker Break	At the discretion of the Chief Steward
Secure Course	Immediately after last SARRC race
Social Event	Concession area after track is secure

Sunday, April 27

Registration	7:30-11:00 am
Tech Inspection	8:00-10:00 am
NO RACE ENGINES BEFORE 8:00 AM	
Race Staff Report	8:00 am
Communications Check	8:25 am
Green Course	8:30 am
Qualifying	20 min. sessions run consecutively by group
Lunch Break	11:00-12:00 noon
QUIET HOUR - NO RACE ENGINES !!	
Continue 20-min. Qualifying Sessions	
SARRC Races 1-7	17-Lap races groups 1-7 run consecutively
Worker Break	At the discretion of the Chief Steward
Secure Course	Immediately after last SARRC race



## Buccaneer Region Double SARRC Supplemental Regulations

### 2003 Jim Stark Memorial SARRC/SARRC – Roebling Road — Sanctions 03-RS-63-P & 03-RS-64-P SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

**RULES:** This event is governed by the GENERAL COMPETITION RULES, SARRC RULES and the Category Specifications as amended by any subsequent racing bulletins (FasTrack) published in SportsCar Magazine during the year.

**DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:** Drivers who hold a valid SCCA National Competition License, Regional Competition License, or Novice Permit. All drivers, except out of Division drivers, are required to have a permanently attached SARRC patch on their drivers' suits, either above, below, or across from the required SCCA patch. Out of Division drivers and drivers not wishing to earn SARRC points should complete a points waiver.

**CAR ELIGIBILITY:** All cars eligible for recognized SCCA, SEDIV and Regional classes will be invited to compete at all SARRC events. Groups with less than 12 cars MAY be combined into other groups. SARRC decals MUST be displayed on both side of cars entering SARRC events. Cars not displaying SARRC decals may be PROTESTED as not being an eligible vehicle by officials or competitors.

**TRANSPONDERS:** AMB Transponders will be required on ALL CLASSES OF CARS for this event.

**REGISTRATION:** Use the entry form provided. Entry, Medical and T&S information MUST be complete AND LEGIBLE. Do not send cash in the mail. Make checks payable to: Buccaneer Region, SCCA. US bank checks, travelers cheques, and money orders will be accepted. NO FOREIGN BANK CHECKS ACCEPTED. Returned checks will be assessed a \$30.00 handling fee. Mail entries to: Wanda Cecil, 1040 Slatestone Trail, Columbia, SC 29203. Entries must be postmarked by April 12, 2003 to avoid a late fee. FedEx and UPS of entries is accepted. NO EXPRESS MAIL. Checks from No-Show entries will be shredded.

**GATE HOURS:** Friday 5:30 PM to Sunday 7:00 PM. Entry to the facility will only be allowed by Gate Passes issued to each person at Registration. ANYONE ENTERING THE TRACK BEFORE REGISTRATION OPENS OR AFTER REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED MUST GO TO REGISTRATION BY 8:30 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. Local ordinance prohibits the running of race engines between 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM Monday through Sunday, and from 11:00 AM to Noon on Sunday (\$100 FINE for non-compliance). Due to insurance regulations, only actual participants in the test days prior to SCCA events will be admitted to the track on test days. All other participants may register after the conclusion of Test Day activities.

**PETS:** Pets (excluding service dogs) are not allowed at the facility beginning 2003. This has become necessary to ensure the safety of participants, crew, guests, and pets.

**PHOTO I.D.:** To be worn visibly by all licensed persons. Photo I.D.'s will be available.

**PASSES:** Each entry is entitled to four passes, including driver and entrant. Crew members who are not SCCA members will be required to purchase a full membership at Registration to gain access to the track side of the pit fence. Only three crew members will be allowed on the track side of the pit fence. Membership cards must be presented at Registration in order to enter the facility. Members and race staff are limited to one guest each.

**START/FINISH:** Start and Finish of races is at the tower on the front straight. Timing and Scoring is located in the tower on the front straight. All laps are timed and scored at the Start/Finish line.

**CHECKERED / BLACK FLAGS:** Checkered flags will be displayed at Start/Finish AND Turn 6 for all practice and qualifying sessions. Black Flags will be shown at Start/Finish and Turn 6 with a number board.

**GRID:** Cars not in position prior to the 1-minute warning shall relinquish their position and start from the back of the field.

**CAR NUMBERS:** SEDIV permanent numbers will be assigned if received by April 12, 2003. Cars not displaying the assigned numbers from Registration will not receive qualifying times. Numbers and class designation shall be placed and sized according to the GCR. All number changes shall be coordinated with Registration. (T&S if Registration is closed)

**IMPOUND:** The top four cars in each class will be required to report to impound, and will be checked for weight and track. The Chief Steward may require additional inspections or additional cars to report to impound.

**RESULTS/AWARDS:** Provisional results will be posted on the bulletin board at the entry to the Paddock. Provisional race results will be available at the track. Official race results will be mailed to those who provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Chief of Timing and Scoring. Location of the trophy presentations will be announced. Classes pending protest will not be awarded until protests are resolved. **TROPHIES WILL NOT BE MAILED.**

**FACILITIES:** Concession, souvenirs, pay phone and restrooms with hot-water showers are located in the paddock. Camping is permitted on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Camping on Sunday night must be approved by the Track Manager. Phillips 66 and CAM-2 race fuels are available at the track. Electrical outlets are available for rent in the paddock. Reservations are NOT required. The Track Manager will collect fees. Electrical fees for Campers will be \$25. Contact the Track Manager at (912)748-4205 for more information.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Race Control uses 461.825, 461.025, and 464.100 MHz as licensed for the immediate area by the FCC, a copy of which is available at the track. For the safety of competitors and race staff, failure to keep these frequencies clear will result in immediate action under rights specified in the GCR. **DO NOT USE THESE FREQUENCIES FOR PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS.**

**SOUND CONTROL:** Results will be posted - Maximum 103 Decibels. Non-compliance subject to disqualification. Sound may be recorded on both the inside and the outside of the track.

#### **ADDITIONAL RULES OF THE PIT AND PADDOCK:**

1. Long pants, sleeved shirts and closed toe shoes must be worn in the hot pits. Crews will remain behind pit wall when not working on a car or signaling a driver. No sitting on pit wall.
2. No parallel parking allowed along the pit/grid fence by vehicles longer than 20 feet. No vehicles are allowed between the concrete wall and the fence.
3. Pit support motorized vehicles (ATV's, golf carts, mopeds, motorcycles) may only be operated by a person with a valid driver's license and used only for race support. Car # must be displayed on support vehicle at all times. Unauthorized or dangerous use of these vehicles (such as speeding (Max. 5mph), joyriding and double-riding) will result in the vehicle being impounded and the responsible driver being reported to the Chief Steward. Minors under 16 will not be permitted to operate any vehicle, including bicycles.
4. DO NOT PARK in grid access lanes, the roadway behind the concession building, or vendor assigned spaces in the paddock area. Failure to move from any of these areas when requested may result in disqualification. All single car open trailers must be moved to the East end of the infield paddock.
5. Each entrant must have a fire bottle in their paddock area with a minimum rating of 10BC.
6. Alcoholic beverages permitted only after course is secure at end of day.

# Hilton Head Island Festival of Performance Cars Invitation

March 1, 2003

Greetings Fellow Car Enthusiast,

Hilton Head Island will be hosting a weekend of car events on November 1st and 2nd. We are having a judged show for sports, GT and race cars on Saturday, November 1st, followed the next day by a separate event, a true *Concours d'Elegance*. We invite your car club to nominate (we will make all final selections) a minimum of two to a maximum of ten of the finest examples from your club for our Saturday show. We want your members' participation to be a rewarding and enjoyable Hilton Head Island experience!

Here's the deal:

There is no entry fee for exhibitors

Exhibitors will receive: two free passes for Saturday and two free passes for Sunday, a commemorative license plate and use of the hospitality tent on Saturday.

All other club members can receive discounted hotel rates for Friday and/or Saturday night(s) and if they pre-register they will be able to purchase a two-day pass for \$25.00 (vs regular \$35.00).

## Judging

- ◆ Participants will be judged in a field including cars from other clubs and individuals
- ◆ Judging will be "Shine and Show" (fun!)...not Concours level scrutiny
- ◆ Cleaning facilities will be available on the premises
- ◆ The classes will be sports, race and GT with additional classes formed by single marques having five or more cars on display
- ◆ Trophies will be awarded for first place plus "Awards of Excellence" in each class
- ◆ There will also be "Best of Show" and "People's Choice" trophies

All of the above first place winners, Best of Show and People's Choice will be invited to display their award-winning cars in a special designated area at the Sunday *Concours d'Elegance*.

Each participating club will be asked to nominate one judge for its class. We will provide judging guidelines and will handle any questions or disputes.

We are expecting over one hundred cars of great variety each day so everyone should find much of interest. Last year's two-day event was a big success and we expect an even bigger and better show this year!

On the following page is the nomination form for your members to complete and mail in. Feel free to run additional copies as needed. Please note the April 15th deadline for nomination submissions. If you have questions or an idea about how many cars we might expect from your club, please feel free to call or e-mail us at: 843-775-6666, 843-837-2575 or heron@hargray.com.

Sincerely,

The Festival of Performance Cars





## *Festival of Performance Cars*

SPORTS, RACING AND GT

Saturday, November 1, 2003

### NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF THIS FORM: April 15, 2003

*Please type or print very neatly. (Some of us need glasses these days.)*

Marque: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Interior Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose two (2) photos of the exterior of your car  Y

A brief description of car: (Things you'd like people looking to know about your car — technical information, original price, special features, a great history, etc.)

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Has the car received an award from a car show?  Y  N If Yes where/when? \_\_\_\_\_

Car Club Affiliation:  Y  N If Yes, please name Car Club \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Their Associate (Spouse or Guest): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of owner (as you wish it listed on the car sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Home: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Work: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please include two exterior photos of your vehicle with this form for our consideration***

Return this form and the photos  
**no later than April 15th to:**

Saturday Festival of Performance Cars  
c/o Walt Nelson  
7 Peninsula Drive  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

If you would like more information, please call us  
at: (843) 757-6666 or (843) 837-2575  
or email: [heron@hargray.com](mailto:heron@hargray.com)

**There is no entry fee. Vehicles will be selected  
at the discretion of the Saturday Committee.**

# Speed Freakz Out, First Gear In

Lindsay Fox  
Buccaneer Times Editor

One of the announcements made at the National Convention in February was the newest program to attract “young” people to the SCCA. This new program, called *first GEAR*, will be replacing the current program, Speed Freakz.

Here's the scoop:

- ◆ *first GEAR* is not a stand alone promotional program, but a single component of the general promotional program aimed at portraying a youthful, dynamic image for SCCA.
- ◆ *first GEAR* membership applies to those under 21 years of age. At 22 a Regular Membership will be required.
- ◆ *first GEAR* members are entitled to full membership privileges, except for holding a speed event competition license (i.e. Club Racing Regional or National, Performance Rally, etc). Anyone under the age of 22 who desires to compete at this level will be required to hold a Regular membership.
- ◆ *first GEAR* membership fee is \$45 per year, with the Region receiving their usual region fee.
- ◆ *first GEAR* memberships are being accepted

now, but Speed Freakz memberships will not be accepted after June 1, 2003

From now through June the program will continue to be introduced through SportsCar and the SCCA Website. Keep checking for updates, but in the mean time, here are some answers to Frequently Asked Questions....

Are there Separate *first GEAR* recruiting materials?

No, not at this time, the promotion of the *first GEAR* program is integrated into the SCCA's overall promotional program. The new materials, including the promotional brochure, application flyer and video are all designed to communicate to a broad audience in a dynamic fashion and will be an effective tool in appealing to potential *first GEAR* members. The new overall campaign encourages everyone to *Get real - FAST*, to make motor sports a real part of their life and do it today. This message applies equally to both younger and older segments of our audience.

Future materials may be designed to specifically reach the *first GEAR* audience. These materials will tie directly into the overall theme, image and message of our overall marketing campaign.

Is there a “Competition first GEAR” membership like there was with Speed Freakz?

There is only one level of *first GEAR* membership. If a member is ready to take part in speed events that require a competition license then it is time to step up to a Regular membership.

Why Age 21?

21 is an age of transition for many things and is the logical age of transition for the “youth” program.

- ◆ At 21 young people are seeking to be recognized as adults, not youth.
- ◆ At 21 you can legally drink alcohol.
- ◆ At 21 young people are nearing the age that they will be leaving college.
- ◆ By the time people turn 22, they are more likely to have a real job and be



## Speed Freakz Out, First Gear In cont.

supporting themselves to a much greater level.

♦ Using any other age as the cut off would be more arbitrary, not linked to many of these social norms.

\$45 raised the price to younger members compared to the Speed Freakz membership.

Yes, this is true, but should not pose a barrier to entry. The segment of the marketplace represents billions of dollars of spending each year. For the vast majority those individuals who are under 22, and make up our primary target audience, an additional \$15 does not represent a significant price burden.

For example, the \$15 price difference seems insignificant compared to other areas where this

demographic is spending their discretionary dollars:

- ♦ New CD - \$14.99
- ♦ 2 Movie Tickets - \$14.00
- ♦ Video Games - \$30-\$50
- ♦ Concert Tickets - \$30
- ♦ Logo Hat - \$15-\$30

For those individuals under 22 who are required to step up to Regular membership rather than a "Competition Speed Freakz" the increased cost from \$55 to \$70 will certainly be the SMALL-EST piece of their competition budget:

- ♦ 1 Tire = \$65-\$250
- ♦ 1 Quart Performance Oil = \$8.50 (4-6 quarts per weekend)
- ♦ 1 Set of Brake Pads = \$100+/-
- ♦ 1 Performance Air Filter = \$80

Finally, for those between the ages of 22 and 26 who will realize the largest cost increase from \$35 to \$70, the \$35 increase should

not represent a significant hardship based on the coast of everyday expenditures

- ♦ One date (dinner and a movie) - \$45 minimum
- ♦ Pair of tennis shoes - \$70-\$100
- ♦ Aftermarket headlight kit - \$300+

Ultimately the SCCA represents an ideal way for motor sports enthusiasts to connect with their passions. As long as the first-rate experience is delivered, the price will be more than justified.

Can I renew my Speed Freakz membership now to get the \$35 price even though my membership doesn't expire until after June 1? Yes you can. Any Speed Freakz renewal will be accepted until June 1. Members are encouraged to do this, realizing that

the Region will not receive the money it would if you were to renew as a *first GEAR* member.

Will this force some Speed Freakz members not to renew? Perhaps, any program will not be ideal for 100% of the existing and potential members. However, since its inception in 1995, the Speed Freakz program has resulted in just over 3,000 members today. Ultimately, the new *first GEAR* program, properly marketed, will result in 2-3 times that number of younger members.

Keep in mind that *first GEAR* is just part of a marketing plan for the SCCA to recruit and retain new members. With any luck at all we will find new, energetic people to be a part of the Buccaneer Region.

### Jim Stark Double SARRC Help Wanted

Bring your racecar and man the Region's booth.

Tell the community how much fun racing is at the annual Open House.

For more information contact Judy Corbitt at 826-7068 or [amcflagger@aol.com](mailto:amcflagger@aol.com)

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Wire wheels, new top, tires, paint and exhaust. Full cover, tonneau and shop manual. Very original car.

\$5,250

Contact Tom  
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Running 12A engine with automatic transmission.

\$300

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(904) 284-8202

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1998 F-Stock Solo 2 National Champion. Hatchback, white w/ grey interior. LT-1, six speed, aluminum alloy wheels, new tires, K&N filter, traction control system, autocross performance package, 2-way adjustable Koni shocks, flow master exhaust system. 44,000 miles, extended warranty, all service records, 275x45x16 mounted Hoosier autocross tires, excellent condition.

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[www.gainesvillraceway.com](http://www.gainesvillraceway.com)  
(under Free Classifieds).

\$15,000

Contact Bill at (352)378-8859  
WFC271@aol.com

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'84 VW GTI ready to race. Four years old with no DNFs. Set up for enduros. Boles motor and trans. with fresh Boles head. Lots of spares and trailer available.

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Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Buccaneer Region, SCCA

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