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## 2016 CALENDAR

## SOLO SLUSH SERIES

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Schedule for November 19 - Marina
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$\$ 50$ prereg, $\$ 60$ on-siteEvent subject to change. Rungroup changes can be made to better fit the amount of registrants. Will almost never move from afternoon to morning and vice versa.
Registration ends at 12 pm .
Tech Inspection for all run groups is on grid Course Walk (7:30AM - 8:30AM) Mandatory Driver's Meetings (8:45AM)

Group 1 (work 2) CS, OSP, T2-, ESP, FSP Group 2 (work 1) AS, BS, ES, GS, HS, SFT, ASP, CSP, SM, BSPV
Kids Karts will run at the beginning of RG3 First car out in Group 4 no earlier than 12:30pm.
Course Walk Mandatory Driver's Meeting Group 3 (work 4) SS, KM, PREPS, CAM-C, CAM-S, CAM-T, STP, STX, SSM, SSP, SSR, STR, N-, NS-
Group 4 (work 3) MODS, STU, DS, DSP, SMF X-, STS, BSP

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## FEBRUARY

DRIVERS SCHOOL
February 24-26 | Thunderhill

MARCH

REGIONAL 1\&2
March 11-12 | Thunderhill

APRIL

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REGIONAL 3\&4
May 6-7| Regional 3 \& 4 @ Thunderhill

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May 18-21| Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca

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June 1-4 | Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca
REGIONAL 7 \& 8 SPEC MIATA FESTIVAL
June 30-July 2 | Sonoma Raceway

JULY

REGIONAL 9 \& 10 July 28-30 | Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca

AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

REGIONAL 11 \& 12 September 1-3 | Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca

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September 22-24 | Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca

OCTOBER

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## SAN FRANCISCO REGION ROAD RACING CHAMPIONS AND TROPHY WINNERS



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There have been many top notch race drivers that have gained recognition for their exploits while racing with the SF Region but none may have reached the level of the man from Monterey, Ed Leslie. His career spanned fourteen years racing a wide variety of rides from MGs to formula cars to Can Am cars and was at home in sprint or endurance races.
Leslie was born on an Indian reservation in Washington State in 1921, his father worked for a government agency called Indian Services. When he was three years old, the family moved to Carmel where his father worked for Chevrolet so Leslie began an association with cars at a very early age. He received his drivers license as soon as he was eligible and shortly thereafter Les lie was builaing a hot rod which he used This progressed to racing wainst one anThis progressed to racing against one another up and down Highway One, at night, in what Was affen Prix". Then there "The Big Sur Grand Prix". Then there were speed =
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After the Korean War, Leslie became quit proficient competing in gymkhanas and began to visit some of the early sports car races around Northern California. Finally in 1957 he decided to test his skills at road racing and entered his MGA in the Arcata race where he won his class and finished third overall. The following year he bought a Lotus 11 and won twelve of fourteen races, a pattern that would continue through the 1959 season in a Lotus 18. In 1960 at a formula car only race at March Bank Stadium in Hanford sponsored by Cal Club, something new was added...he won the race and the $\$ 500$ first place money which he rather enjoyed.
Leslie was now committed to road racing but needed a steady flow of income to support his racing so he opened Leslie Motors in Monterey where he sold used sports cars. He then made a rather fortuitous decision to take on the new Shelby Cobra which would not only result in car sales but a relationship with Mr. Shelby. Leslie strengthened his automobile business by becoming the a Toyota Dealer which paid off handsomely over the years.
In 1962 Leslie took another step up in his racing career by winning the LA Times Formula GP after being offered a ride in a Lotus 20 . With his well earned reputation as a front running driver, Leslie was offered a spot on the Qvale/Huffaker team racing a special, lightweight XKE at the 1963 Sebring 12 Hours. With co-driver Frank Morrill, they won their class and finished seventh overall. Incidentally, their car sat hidden for thirty-five years before being discovered and auctioned off for a bit less than one million dollars several years ago.

The balance of 1963, Leslie raced the Webster Two Liter sports racer and a Triumph TR4 continuing to show his versatility and speed which would land him his best ride to date - a Shelby Factory ride in a Cobra. Besides earning a nice salary from Shelby, h won six of six A Production races and qualified for the Riverside Manufacturer's Championship for 1964. Up against the Shelby number one driver, Ken Miles, he set the fastest lap and finished second to Miles by only 1.4 seconds. He followed up with a win at Laguna Seca, a second at Kent, two wins at Stockton and a second at Watkins Glen, all in the Cobra. Lestie also raced a Group 7 Lang Cooper to a fourth place finish at Riverside followed by

an outright win at Greenwood (IA) over a star-studded field. He finished the year as the National A Production Champion and was now among the elite race drivers in the country.
1965 brought about rides in the Shelby Daytona Coupe at Daytona (5th overall) and Sebring (3rd in class) and rides in the Lang Cooper, Shelby GT350 and Webster Two-Liter. With his racing status as a top driver firmly in place, he made another move up in 1966 and 1967 becoming a factory driver for the Mercury Cougar Trans Am team along with Dan Gurney, Parnelli Jones and Peter Revson. Unfortunately these cars were not always competitive with the Mustangs, Camaros but he did have a second place finish at Riverside
1968 and 1969 saw Leslie as a team driver for James Garner's American International Racing driving a Lola T70 and for Roger Penske's Trans Am team. He had a second overall at Daytona in the Lola which was the high point for that car but captured four seconds and one third driving for Penske, concluding a busy and basically successful season. In 1970, Jim Hall of Chaparral fam hired Leslie to drive his Camaro Trans Am car for the full seaso but it was not really competitive with only one pod for priva races. Leslie also drove two Can Am race teer teams but was down the leaderboard in both.

At the end of the 1970 season, Leslie, now fifty years old and with nothing more to prove about his racing ability, decided it was time to hang up his helmet and enjoy life. This brought an end to a wonderful and highly successful driving career which all started at the SF Region race at Arcata in 1957.



## DANVILLE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE 2016

BY RICHARD SIMONDS, SCCA/SFR JUDGE AND CONTRIBUTOR TO THE WHEEL

The 12th Annual Danville Concours d'Elegance was held on Sun day, September 18th on Hartz Avenue in downtown Danville. Although this is the twelfth year that the Danville Concours d'Elegance has been held, raising over \$3 million for Parkinson's disease research and patient care, it was the first year that SCCA SFR Concours d'Elegance Chapter sanctioned the show.
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Even though it is held on the street, and not on lawn, it has been a very class show and has met our requirements for contributing to charitable organizanavile Cher drand from organizations, and local citizens.
his year 154 cars and eight motorcycles were registered. With last-minute ntries, there were nearly 200 cars on display for several thousand specta rectatos who down to

## THE 2016 AWARD WINNERS

Class: Alfa Romeo
1st - 1959 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider Veloce
Class B - Sports Cars 1945-1987: 1 st-1971 Fiat 2.4 liter Dino Spider

Class C - Vintage 1930-1950: 1st - 1930 Reo Flying Cloud Pickup

Class C1 - Ferrari - Pre 1986: 1st - 1983 Ferrari 308 GTS QV

Class C2 - Ferrari 2000-20
Class D - Corvettes 1958-1987: 1st-1967 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible
Class E1 - Sports Cars \$5-10K 1950-1970
1st - 1968 Triumph TR5/2500


Class E2 - Sports Cars \$5-10K -1971-1987:
1st - 1979 MG Midget 1500
Class E3-Sports Car Over \$10K 1st - 1985 Renault 5 Turbo 2 Evolution

Class F1-Sports Cars \$5-10K
-1950-1987
1st-1968 Morgan Plus 4 Roadster
Class F2 - Sports Cars Over \$10K 1950-1987
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1st - 1958 BMW 507 Series II

Class L - Land Rover - 1950-1987 1st - 1964 Land Rover Series II A

Class N - American - 1950-1970 1st - 1965 Pontiac Catalina 2+2

1st - 1959 Porsche 356 Super Cabriole
Class R - Race Cars
1st - 1966 ERA GT 40

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Class V-Motorcycles
1st - 1963 Itom Astor
Best of Show:
1937 Packard Super Eight 1500 Touring Sedan

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their race line or off course，this judgment call to Race Control indicates it was not due to a racing rules violation
Paddock／Back Paddock An enclosure at a track used by team support personnel and vehicles，and other officials and VIPs．A back paddock indicates
a specific location within the paddock and cars may not return to the race once they have gone into the back paddock．
Parade Lap A lap or laps before a motorsport race begins where the drivers go around the track at a slow speed，also known as a formation lap．
PIT SToP Stopping in the pit lane for repairs refueling，and／or new tires．

Pule Tow
Qualifying The process of deciding the starting order of a race．
Quick Spot Communicators are expected to spot cars for black flag purposes and at certain other times as well
race Control
Race Steward

Scoring A written record for each car in an even that is kept to document each time it passes the and camera systems．

Spotting all turns should keep track of any lead
changes，and on the last lap the last two turns changes，and on the last lap the last two turns
before S ／F spot the leader through before $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{F}$ spot the leader through．At Pro events，
the leader is usually spotted through all turns on the last lap，but this will be communicated at that event．
Tech Tech is located in the pit lane at the black flag station．The Tech Communicator also writes down almost everything reported because Tech is most often asked by crew members where＂their＂ car is and what is wrong with it．The informa－ tion most important to Tech includes：mechani－ cal calls，cars off course（either by deviation or of serious incidents．
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## SCCA IS A FAMIIY AFFAIR

## WHEELWORKS by blake tatum

Fathers and sons, fathers and daughters, husbands and wives share in the SCCA experience. Chances are that most of us got involved in SCCA based on a family member being involved. For those that are first generation members, chances are you are in the process of indoctrinating a close family member into the club/sport.

Sharing the experience of racing cars, appreciat ing cars as art, sharing the experience of engineering on cars, is a lot more fun when those near and dear to you join in on the fun. got my start because of my father. When he passed away the first event without him was quit nique to me ther of members who lost a loved one that they enjoyed he SCCA with It has taken mhile to appreci ate events without him. I miss the long drives together, I miss the opportunity to talk about the races, I miss the opportunity to share ideas on building race cars, I miss his comments about m articles, but most of all I just miss my father. Earlier this month I was notified that my father Hall of Fame Needless to say a rush of emotion swept through my body Everything from sadnes because I miss him to overwhelming pride because $I$ always thought he was a special person

At this year's annual awards banquet, Bruce Bru ner inducted my father into the Hall of Fame. I had the pleasure of representing my family in accepting he award. Below is he acceptance speedrigue. wse his as my ache to show bere the form he was.

First off I would like to thank the Hall of Fame committee for inducting my father. It is quite an honor for our family which we sincerely appreciate. secondly I would like to thank my mother. My mother was the rock standing in the shadows. My de reason my dad was able to be so as long as he did, thank you Mom!
It is kind of fitting that Dave Vodden and my dad are inducted into the Hall of Fame the same night

You see Dave Vodden reminds me a lot of my dad. Dave is the guy whose glass is always half full. He is the guy that finds the solution as opposed to why something will not work
My dad was the same way
After he passed away my cousin Carry told me my dad was always positive. He was the guy that always believed in you. He was the guy that let you know that you had the capability to do anything.
I started to think about what my cousin said and I thought to myself he was right. I then thought to myself about why my father was that way.

I think the reason was because on February 19, 1945, at the age of eighteen he survived the first wave of the attack on Iwo Jima.
If you could have seen the tracer bullets flying through the air on that assault you would have thought your life was over. If you took a minute to think about it, for every one tracer round that you saw there were four bullets right behind it that you did not see
After 30 days on the volcanic rock he made it off. I am sure from that point on he figured he was living After 30 days on the volcanic rock he made it off. 1 am sure from that point on he figured he was living
on bonus time. From that point on there was nothing that could be thrown his way that he could not do. From that point on there was not going to be any person who could tell him something could not be done.

For example, during the early fifties, after one of the sports car events in Stockton a group of illustrious road racing celebrities gathered at top of the Stockton Hotel. They laughed when my dad said that he could build a car that would beat the then powerful Allards.


When it came time to produce, he borrowed a half inch drill, a body grinder, and a welding tor from Cornered sports cand asser ied hm the Clark Garage.

The first time out on the track was at the Stockton Road Races. After a practice session one of the stewards approached my dad and told him that he passed Doctor so and so on the back straight. The Steward went on to say that the doctor was quite an accomplished racecar driver and if anyone the track it was the doctor Naturally sy dad not having any part of that and promptly replied to the steward that he should tell the doctor to out of the way because he was not slowing down

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for this so called expert. He went on to win the race after starting at
back of the field.

SCCA was a group of social elite in the early days. So the idea of an average everyday Joe building a formula car like the Vee was naturally met with some resi tance.

## THE RACERS DENTIST

When the class was first announced my dad had

Goliath forklift motor in it. I have no idea why he used a forklift motor but by the time he finished the car it was an instant antique
FV was introduced shortly after the Formula Junior was determined to be a permanent back marker. The winter of 1963 saw my dad and several of his friends building racecars in our garage on Portola Avenue in Stockton. When it came time to enter the first race of the season the SCCA brass told them that they needed 12 cars in order to ru.

Doing the math, they had a car built for Bob Doctor, they had a car built for Jerry Demele, they had a car built for John Grove. Because of the interest they stirred up during demonstration runs the previous season, they knew of eight other cars in the area. So they were one car short of being able to race. Sitting in the corner of the shop was the Formula Junior with the Goliath motor. Since the body was the basis for all of the Formula Vees they just had to remove the forklift motor. So out came the torch and all of the non Formula Vee parts were removed, converting the car into a Vee. Now they had enough cars to race in the first race which just so happened to be in Stockton.
When it came time to fill out the entry forms for the race they were stalled when at the part where it asked for the make of car, so the "name the car" contest started. They went through all the jungle animals, the Indian tribes of North America, and most reptiles with any class. They liked Cobra, but so did Carroll Shelby. Hours went by and they had to get the entries in the mail. My dad the race, ha! Someone exclaimed, That was it, Crusader. Yes! Crusader that sounded good to everybody. They went to the race as the Crusaders and the rest is history
Inventing the traction bar, driving as a stunt driver in the movie Johnny Dark, writing a book and publishing it, promoting sportscar races, producing a PBS documentary, were all the things that my dad was able to accomplish, just because he thought he could do it.
When I finally had a job that would allow me to race, my dad was there for every race. He was there in the garage as we built every car. He supported me when I struggled. He encouraged me when I had

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a bad day. In short he racing. As a kid I remember the Superman TV show. My friends and would fantasize about super heroes. But in real life I did not have to fantasize because I had a super hero living I had my dad, Chuck Tatum.


## MAZDA ROAD TO INOY

## SEPTEMBER 9-11, MAZDA RACEWAY LaGUNA SECA

## by steve "SPeedy" Jaroch, sfr-scca announce chief photography by donna porter

Just a mere three weekends after the Rolex Monterey Reunion we were back at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca for the all Mazda Road to Indy featuring IMSA Prototype Lites, Pro Mazda Championship, Indy Lights, Mazda MX-5 Cup Global Invitational, and USF2000 cars.

Friday consisted of practice sessions for all groups plus one qualifying session for the Mazda MX-5 Cup Global Invitational. As usual, the three days were fog delayed but by day's end the schedule would be maintained, due to modifications made by the Stewards.
Saturday morning had four qualifying sessions prior to the first race for the Mazda MX-5 Cup Global Invitational. For this inaugural event, the green flag was thrown by the President \& CEO of Mazda North American Operations, Masahiro Moro. Robby Foley, \#63, from Randolph, NJ. would be victorious after the 45 -minute contest, 2.074 seconds ahead of Nathania Sparks. "Sparky"), \#8, who hails from Spanish Fort, AL. Robby led flag to flag. Coming in 3rd was John Dean II, \#16, who calls Sebring, FL. home. The field was comprised of 10 American racers battling with 5 Europea 7, when Mike Sinclair, \#76, crashed. Lap 21 had Anthony Crawford, \#75, crash, and lap 23 had the second place car of Mark Drennan, $\# 50$, from San Jose, CA., went hard into the wall, driver's left exit in T4. He would be unable to compete in the group's second race.
During the lunch hour there was a very moving ceremony entitled Mazda "Home for Heroes" Presentation in honor of those affected by the acts on September 11, 2001.
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The last race of the day was the first race for USF2000 and was 30 minutes in duration. Seventeen competitors would complete 21 laps and when it was over Victor Franzoni, \#9, out of Sao Paulo, Brazil, was 12.9597 seconds faster than his nearest rival, Parker Thompson, $\# 2$, from Alberta, Canada. Placing 3rd, 5.333 seconds behind Parker, was Anthony Martin, \#8, who calls Kalgoorlie, Australia home.

The low marine layer plagued the start of the 30 -minute, Race \#2, for the Pro Mazda Championship Sunday morning. Twelve drivers made up the grid for the 19 lap event, and when all was said and done, rookie Nicolas Dapero, \#31, Juncos Racing, would pick up the win, 4456 seconds over fellow Juncos Racing's Will Owen, \#23, from Plano, TX. Rookie, Nico Jamin, \#2, from Rouen, France, finished 3rd, 1.8053 seconds behind Will. Two cars would only complete 11 laps, which were the \#00 of Jake Parsons, Melbourne, Australia, \& the $\# 81$ of TJ Fischer, from nearby Vacaville. Afte completing 16 laps, yesterday's winner, Pato $O^{\prime}$ Ward, $\# 80$, would retire.
Race \#2 for the IMSA Prototype Lites was up next pitting seventeen driver for the 50 -minute contest. After 30 laps and covering 66.75 miles, Michael Wheldon, $\# 29$, came away with the victory over Clark Toppe, $\# 10$. Michae broke a 28 -race win streak by JDC Motorsports dating back to August 2014 From Sausalito, he drag-raced his way to victory by a mere .077 second Qualifying 3rd and finishing 3rd was Kyle Masson, \#18. The group would have Race $\# 3$ to wrap up the weekend.

The second and final race for the Mazda MX-5 Cup Global Invitational wa next on tap. Sixteen drivers made up the grid for the 45 -minute, 25 lap event. The \#8 of Nathanial Sparks, OOTSK Performance/Bimmerworld took the win by 285 seconds over John Dean II, Mazda Road to 24 /Sick Sideways, \#16. Finishing 3rd, out of Japan, was Yuui Tsutsumi, \#01, sponsored by Team TCR Japan. Again, as in Race \#1, Mike Sinclair, \#76, Mazda Australia/motoring.com.au, crashed on lap 6. The \#63 of Robby Foley, who was the pole-setter, was found to have an illegal modification to his car and was dealt with appropriately. Ara Malkhassian, \#11, ALARA Racing, set the fast lap during the race The MX-5 Cup championship now moves to the double-header at Road Atlanta on September 29th, where the $\$ 200,000$ Mazda Road to 24 Scholarship will be awarded to the champion.
The 30-minute, Race \#2 for the USF2000 had 17 cars making up the grid, including our own Club racer, Robert Armington, \#11, out of El Dorado Hills. After the 21 lap event Victor Franzoni, \#9, ArmsUp Motorsports, captured his second win of the weekend, with a cushion of 10.1026 seconds over Anthony Martin, \#8, Cape Motorsports w/WTR, (Wayne Taylor Racing). Fellow Cape Motorsports $\mathrm{w} / \mathrm{WTR}$ driver, Parker Thompson, $\# 2$, wound up 3rd, only 1.4005 seconds behind.

Race \#2 for the Indy Lights was a 50 -minute, 38 lap, event pitting 15 drivers around the 2.238 miles, 11 turn circuit. Zach Veach, \#5, Belardi Auto Racing, took the checkered flag with a margin of victory of 2.8798 seconds over rookie driver, Santiago Urrutia, $\# 55$, Schmidt Peterson Motorsports with



Mark Drennan suvering the damage in
Carlin, finished 4th. With his season ending 4th place finish, Ed captured the Mazda Scholarship valued at $\$ 1 \mathrm{Md}$ to ensure participation in at least three 2017 Verizon IndyCar Series events, includ ing the 101st Indianapolis 500! (And he is only 22 years old.)

The third and final race for Pro Mazda Championship was 40 minutes long and included a field of 12 drivers which the checkered flag dropped after 27 laps. Rookie, Aaron Telitz, \#82, from Rice Lake, WI, clinched the win by 1.0543 seconds and with that secured the title and a Mazda scholarship prize to graduate into Indy Lights Presented Coper Tires, the top tier of the Mazda Road to Indy, in 2017. Coming in 2nd was Plano, TX Resident, Will Owen, \#23, Juncos Racing, while 2.3329 seconds behind him was the \#31 of rookie, Nicolas Dapero, another Juncos Racing driver.
The final race of the weekend was a 50 -minute contest, Race \#3 for IMSA Prototype Lites. After 29 laps, Austin Versteeg \#7, JDC Motorsports, tol fhe checkered flog with 4.037 second gin of wictory over fellow teammate, Clark Toppe \#10. For the \#7 It was the 7th time this seaso $\# 10$. . finish was the duo's 6 th of the season. Coming in 3rd was the \#29, Extreme Speed Motorsport entry of Michael Wheldon, \#29. The final two races for this group will be held at Road Atlanta September 28th through the 30th.

\#4 Jim Wikersham and \#15 Doug Hoisington crest the nest

## DOUBLE REGIONALS 11 \& 12

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## BY Steve Jaroch

One would have thought this was the typical July event at Thunderhill with the very high winds and triple digit temperatures, but approximately 186 entries braved the elements. Most drivers I spoke with exited their cars, post-race, just dripping wet.


RACE 1, GROUP 7
SMT, SSM, SM
Saturday afternoon started with 49 cars taking the green flag in the 11 lap, 25-minute contest. Fifty-one cars set qualifying times. Pole-setter, Will
Schrader, \#97, SM, would be victorious, over a relentless, Ken Sutherland, Schrader, \#97, SM, would be victorious, over a relentless, Ken Sutherland,
$\# 91$, SM, by 1.202 seconds. Eric Jones, \#2, SM, finished 3rd, 6.5 seconds $\# 91$, SM, by 1.202 seconds. Eric Jones, $\# 2$, SM, finished 3 rd, 6.5 seconds
behind Ken. Coming in 4 th and 1st in SMT was the $\# 90$ of Roland Kamber behind Ken. Coming in 4 th and 1st in SMT was the \#90 of Roland Kambe
while the $\# 50$, SMT of Tupper Hull, was right behind him. Over in the SSM ranks, Kirk Uhrlaub, \#84, held off David Allen, \#61, by 2.4 seconds, finishing 15th and 16th overall.

There was a may lay in T 2 on the opening lap when the $\# 0$ of Perry Rich ardson spun and was hit by the \#72 of Tao Takaoka, while Mark Means $\# 45$, Brain Cross, $\# 54$, and Rees Todd, $\# 58$, all went $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}$, evasive. The $\# 0$ completing the opening lap. After 2 laps the double vellows and Safety C came out due to the $\# 53$ of Cole Gibson off at T8, right apex. Ian Anderson, \#62, required a tow at T11, and Tim Auger, \#07, and the \#38 of Ray Meister would retire on the same lap. The \#72 would retire after 4 laps, a did the \#46 of Douglas Alvis, and Brendan Hermalyn, \#16, atter 7 laps. Th \#02 of Chris DePuy, finished his race after 8 laps. There were numerous body contacts, as well as the usual $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}, \& \mathrm{~S} / \mathrm{C}$, (too many to document at this time). Forty cars were on the lead lap upon completion of the event

RACE 1, GROUP 6
SRF, SRF3
Twenty-three cars would make up the field for the second race of the afternoon. Seventeen $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{s} / \mathrm{C}$, or $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}$ were noted by Kathie during th 13 lap contest. After completing 10 laps, Perry Richardson, \#03, went off, driver's right, at T11 with mechanical issues.
Pole-setter, Bill Jordan, \#7, SRF3, had it go all his way, leading flag-to-flag, as he motored his way to the win with a 6.603 cushion over Mike Smith, \#64, Gen3. Brandon Lewis, \#66, SRF3, sporting a new paint scheme and number, brought it home 3rd, 13.7 seconds behind Mike. Jeffrey Cook, \#32, having had issues keeping his car on track, was victorious in Gen2, finishing 8th overall, two spots ahead of his nearest competitor, Michael Boyle, \#53. Ed Railton, \#01, would have to settle for 3rd in class finishing 11.6 seconds behind the \#53.

RACE
GROUP 5 AS, ITS, ITA, ITB TTC, ITX, ITR, FP, STU, GTL, STL, E30 STU, SMG, The grid had 33 car which competed in the 13 lap contest. The fight for bragging rights would pit polesetter, Sean Wheeler, \#06, SMG, against felNunes. Sean had the distinct honor of having his car featured on the event T-shirt. In the end the \#06 lead flag-to-flag, and had 9.98 margin of victory at the checkered fag. Bob Bradfield's $\not{ }^{\# 36, \text { Sluss win fliaimed the }}$ 3rd, while finishing
4th, but lst in STL, was the \#1 of David Vodden. It was a dog fight between those two as only 1.4 seconds separated the two at the stripe. Vodden had his hands full throughout the race with fell STL driver, Tim Auger, \#02 who finished 2.9 seconds behind David. ITS spoils went to Ben Brandt, $\# 57$, who finished 7 th, while in 8 th was the winner in ITA, Jeff Page, \#33, and ITX full points ween \#61, finishing 14th. Right from the get go, Tupper Hull, $\# 50$, had and
last lap, he would have another in T9. Brendan Hermalyn, \#16, went off at T15, driver's right, with a mechanical issue, considered hazardous, but when the corner called for a "tow now", he continued back on course. After 2 laps, Don Van Nortwick, \#75, SMG, would retire. Aaron Bailey, the sole ITR of the group, made a pit stop, flames showing, so a bottle was popped. His race was

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\#71 Jerry Aplass and \#66 Brandon Lew
over after 3 laps. David Oroshnik, \#17, ITX, went back paddock on lap 5 .
RACE 1, GROUP 4
FF, CF, FV, FST, F5, 4
The next race found Steve Temple, \#5, going of course in T 2 , starting a grass fire which brought course in 12 , starting a grass fire which brought
out the Safety Car and Rescue units. After 5 laps, David Jalen, \#50, would make a pit stop. He would go on, completing 9 of the 12 lap event. After going back to green flag racing, Ken Roze boom, had an $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}$ in T 10 , and in T 7 , the \#75 of Alan Dezzani, $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}$.
Pole-setter, Scott Veerland, \#51, lead flag-to-flag enjoying a 12.653 margin of victory over fellow FC driver, Paul Rodler, \#45. In the process, he also laid down the fastest lap during the race. Jeffrey Pietz, $\# 80$, FC , would have to settle for 3 rd place in class, 1446 seconds behind Paul. As Ken Rozeboom, $\# 81$, failed to go out during the
qualifying session, he moved through the field of 16 cars to finish 5th overall. Steve Meyer,
$\# 48$, claimed the FF
 in class only 1.6 seconds tehind Steve, was th \#44 of Jon Brandstad. The only FFTS , setting new track record in that class, with a 2:00. 237 was Tom Duncan, \#27. The sole F5 was Joseph Rozelle, \#70, and the only FV was the \#47 of Kevin Palaima. Over in the CF ranks, it was Richard McClosky, \#6, over Alan Dezzani, \#75, only two lap down at the finish. They were the only two CF in the group.
RACE 1, GROUP 3
, SP, EP, SS Th, 2, 4, E46, N3, N

A, SP, ER, SS number of out-of-region SP drivers joining the grid of 28 cars for the 13 lap event. Sound issues plagued many drivers during their practice and qualifying sessions. After 3 laps, Nathan Smith, \#76, was seen losing fuel by the T5 corne

workers, made a pit stop, then retired. Don Kennedy, in the
same turn was same turn was
losing fuel in hi losing fuel in his
\#24. After 6 laps, Brett Staples, Brett Staples,
$\# 19$, received the MBF for sound at both 77 and start/finish, and T2 reported his engine sounded
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grid. On lap 6, Andy Juner, \#88, pulled off on wypass road below the T5 turn box. In T9, Woody Yerxa, \#81, had an $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}$, losing his right front wing. Thats all thation that happene during the 15 lap event.
Pole-setter Jeff Lederman, \#55, lead flag-toflag, having a 15.03 second cushion over fellow Pl driver, Bruce Brown, $\# 62$, at the end. Bruce did, by the way, set the fastest lap of the race, a 1:43.375. The sole P2 entry, finishing 3rd, was
Aaron Bailey, behind the wheel of his \#21. The only FA, finishing 4 the was the \# 61 of Steve Baumhoff. Woody was the top FM, finishing 5 In 6 th was the DSR winner, Robert Christensen, \#66. In 7th was the sole FS of the group, Robin Riner, \#11, and the only FE entry, placing 11th, was the \#05 of Allan Svela. (What happened to the numerous FE machines we have had in past years?)
RACE 2, GROUP 7B
SMT, SSM, SM
His dominance during both races led the Start ers to pick Will Schrader, $\# 97$, SM, as the Driver of the Weekend. He not only led flag-to-flag, but set the fastest lap of the race. His battle this race was 9.844 seconds. Roland Kamber, $\# 90$, also went two-for-two, as he took top honors in SMT finishing 3rd overall, as his nearest competitor finished in 6th. That was Tupper Hull, \#50, and 3rd in class, Tao Takaoka, \#72, was only. 7 . entire race. Kirk Uhrlaub, \#84, also received his second checkered flag of the weekend in SSM, finishing 12th, and his nearest rival in class, Cole Gibson, \#53, placed 15th.
Now for the chills and spills of the 12 lap event.
 $0, \mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{c}$, while the \#4 of Frank Valente have
ing, the \#8 of Chris Jackson, had an O/O in T11. On the final lap, Jeffrey Cook, \#32, took a rough ride O/O in \#46, completed only 9 laps.
Pole-setter, Bill Jordan, \#7, bagged his second win of the weekend, lead ing flag-to-flag, setting the fastest race lap, and having a 4.421 second Chris Jackson. Placing 3rd in Gen
Chris DePuy, \#02, had a late start out of grid. On the opening lap, Tim Auger, $\# 07, \mathrm{~S} / \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}$ in T5. On lap 2, both the $\# 84$, and the $\# 58$ of Rees Toda, had 0 O in the exick after two laps with front end damage Seems the \#9 mixed it up with Terry McCarthy $\# 23$, in T11. In T2, the $\# 58$ had another O/O which he received a "Closed Black Flag", (CBF), from the Starters. On lap 4, Brian Cross, \#54, had an $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}$ at the exit of T5. Lap 5 , also in T , Frank Russell, \#34, had an O/O. The \#02 retired after completing 5 laps. Doug Hoisington, \#15, had an $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}$ in T 3 , twice, and again in T 9 , which netted him a CBF. In the closing laps, T11 had
the \#7 of Scott Kessenick S/C while the the \#7 of Scott Kessenick $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{C}$ while the $\# 82$ or
Dale Pestes, O/O, evasive. T5 reported bump drafting between the \#81 of Glen Cherry and the \#53 of Cole Gibson

RACE 2, GROUP 6B

## SRF, SRF3

Ony seven Gen3 cars and fourteen Gen 2 cars did make up the field for the 13 lap event. On the opening lap, Ed Railton, $\# 01, \mathrm{~S} / \mathrm{C}$ in T2. The \#24 of Eugene "Geno" Barbera had his in T10 18 reported side-to-side B/C between Tanner lap 3, the \#79 of Robert Kullas, spun and hit the \#1 of Andy Hettrick. The \#79 retired after the incident, while the \#1 continued his race. On lap 6 , the \#3 pulled off on the bypass road below T5, safe, and required a tow at the end of the session. For an unknown reason, Nei Ng , \#48, took the same bypass route, but gained no advantage. After completing 7 laps, the \#03 of Perry Rich ardson retired. On lap 9, 13 had the \#6 Parke an $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}$, evasive. With under 5 minutes remain
as Jerry Aplass, \#71, 3.3 seconds behind Chris. oming in sth overall was the Gen2 winner, Corkel Boyle, $\# 53,4.9$ seconds ahead of Jeffrey cook, $\# 32$, who finished 7 th. Hank Raymond, and the 32 h class by a whisker, as both

RACE 2, GROUP 5B
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HP, GTL, STL, STU, SMG, E3O, BSpec, T3
Thirty-one cars set qualifying times but only 28 would make up the field for the third race of the afternoon. T11 reported David Allen, \#61, spun and contacted the $\# 53$ of Terry Gibson, who



##  <br> \#12 Michael Bernstein and \#48 Steve Meyer

 dock after 10 laps.The \#25 was again shown the MBF at T 7 and again at $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{F}$ before he finally made a pit stop on the closing lap. On that lap, the $\# 88$ of Joe Montana, had an $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{O}$ with his SP in T 5 .
Miss "Berkeley Jet Drive", Michelle Nagai, had her \#72, SP, dialed up a notch, as she set the fastest race lap, and took the overall win by 4.586 seconds over fellow SP driver, Eric Dahlquist, \#15. She led flag-to-flag, as she took the hole shot away from the \#03. The top seven spots were all Super Production machines, while placing 8th was the winner in ITE, Brian Anderson, \#30. In 9th was the only N3 in the group, Larry Hansen, \#99. Back in 10th was the sole GTA, Rudy Peters, \#64, who picked up his second checkered flag of the weekend. GT1 full points went to the \#95 of Rob Davis, who finished 12th, while over in Touring 2, it was the \#75 of Don Van Nortwick, who would take his victory lap, finishing 14th

## RACE 2, GROUP 2 B

## FA FB, FS, P1, P2, FE, FM, S2, DSR

Only six cars made up the grid for the 14 lap event. Although Steve Baum hoff, $\# 61, \mathrm{FA}$, and Aaron Bailey, $\# 21, \mathrm{P} 2$, set qualifying times, they failed to make the grid. On the Pace Lap, Bruce Brown, \#62, P1, pulled off on the access road between T5A and T15, made it to the pit lane before taking his machine back paddock. That left just 5 cars on track. Late in the race, the sole FE of Allan Svela, \#05, was observed by the T2 corner worker as being VERY off the pace, as he only had one gear to choose from. He did manage oc complete 10 laps so he received full points in class. Race winner, Woody inute, 14.826 seconds ove he only FS of the group, Robin Riner, \#91.

The novice winners for the weekend were:


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Group 6 Tanner Briggs, \#95, SRF, from Healdsburg.
Andy Hettrick, \#1, SRF3, from Minden, NV
Group 7 J. D. Medlin, \#95, SM, from Los Altos Hills.
B. Medin, \#95, SM, from Los Altos Hill Rob Fuller, \#76, SSM, from San Jose.
Rees Todd, \#58, SMT, from Auburn

I would like to thank all the out of region and GASS competitors for joining
us for great weekend of racing. us for great weekend of racing.
My next event will be the Pirelli World Challenge at Mazda Racewa Laguna Seca, October 6-9.



SACRAMENTO CHAPTER SOLO ROUND 12

BY MIKE DROUIN PHOTOS BY DAVEY DROUIN

Well as the season winds to a close the same conversations always pop up: what are you going to do in the off season, what upgrades are you planning on doing to your car, are you planning on getting a new car, and the most dreaded of all --retirement.


#### Abstract

One of our true autocross faithful is going to be hanging up his helmet. Well semi retiring. Gary Men dehall has decided to turn his Austin Healey back into a street car and focus on weekend cruises with Gary is leaving on a high note as he did win HCR class this year. Looking at the year-end results always is interesting. The class with the most competitors was CStreet with 32 different entries, but not all at the same event unfortunatel. The class with the most single event entries was again C-Street with 16 racers showing up on Round 2 . The class with the single event entries was again C-Street with 16 racers showing up on Round 2 . The class with the jackets this year. jackets this year. Classes that had total domination and perfect seasons by the class winners were FSP with Eric Williams, BP by Rick Brown, and E-Mod by Bob Weisickle. Tom Nivison did win his class, but Al Pat terson stole his perfect season away. Al beat Tom in Round 2 giving Tom one second place finish and I think the class that had the biggest difference in age as far as the cars go would have to be CAMS with Jeff Glorioso's 2003 Corvette and Mike Ansell's 1972 Corvette. That's a difference of 31 years.

Jeff's newer Vette did win the class, but there are a few rumors that need to be addressed. Yes, Jeff did run his AC on hot days, and yes he did use GPS if he got lost in the sea of cones. Wouldn't you? Mike was always pretty close and he has all you? Mike was always pretty close and he has all winter to figure out how to make their times that much closer. He has a good friend named Mr. Mike Maier who helped with some suspension updates. With a few tweaks here and there to the suspension, $I$ am sure Mike will be running faster times. times. The closest margin of victory goes to F-Street in round 6. William Lin and his 1LE Camaro beat Bruce Hopkins and his Camaro SS by 005 of a second. The widest lead of the year was Tom Smiley running OSP in round 2 . Tom beat the second place car by 15.752 seconds. The most unlucky


lead was Dennis Hubbard running E-street in round 9. Dennis posted a 47.790 and Chris Kannan posted a 48.456 , which gives Dennis a lead of 0.666. A very unlucky number if you ask me. Well the last event is the Bill Fleig Enduro Octo ber 15 and 16 . I ll see you in the parking lot.
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DS Yongzhe Wen
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## WHY I BOUGHT A SPEC RACER FORD

## STORY BY JAMES CHARTRES | PHOTOS BY JAMES CHARTRES \& MEGHAN FROLLI

Ever since I was a kid growing up, in Adelaide, Australia watching the local Formula 1 Grand Prix, I knew I wanted to race cars. Now living in the US, I was able to buy one of my dream cars, a Datsun 240z. With several track days in my Datsun 240z under my belt, I decided to attend a Skip Barber

3 Day Racing School.


Armed with my competition license, it was time to seriously look into wheel-to-wheel road racing. There were so many options available, but I didn't want to spend a lot of funds and time building my own race car. I wanted to focus more on the driving aspect and learning from competition. This narrowed it down to the inexpensive or specification classes such as Formula Vee, Spec Miata and Spec Racer Ford.
Visiting a SCCA weekend at Laguna Seca, the large field sizes of Spec Miata and Spec Racer Ford won me over. Lots of cars on track meant there was always going to be someone to race with. I talked to the racers in the paddock, I investigated the costs of both classes and decided to test a Spec Racer Ford.
Pulling out of the hot pits for the first time, I was nervous and not sure what to expect. Then I turned the wheel and with the low weight, the car responded almost instantly. I was hooked! That season I started racing with SCCA, at first renting a Spec Racer Ford with the local Customer Service Representation (CSR) named
CSR Performance. With half a season gone by renting Istarted CSR Performance. With half a season gone by renting, I started

looking to purchase my own car. It didn't take me long before I found Chassis \#501. For less than a modern used Honda Civic, I now owned a Race Car. A real fair dinkum purpose built Race Car. You couldn't wipe that smile off my face for day. Sure it hadn't run in a year and needed some used to be owned by Dick Clift and I later learne that it held the track record for SRF at Sonoma Raceway, $1: 50.603$. That was beat this July with the new faster Hoosier tires.

SO WHY A SPEC RACER FORD? Spec Racers are not as pretty as a formula car, not as fancy as a carbon fiber prototype, and not at them though, they aren't exactly slouches. The Spec Racer Ford is a momentum car where you can learn to go fast on track and more importantly race craft. The Spec Racer Ford is a great starting point for the beginning road racer as they are relatively simple to work on, have fantas-
tic trackside support and require only a small amount of maintenance. You can't drive then to the track, they need to be towed, but their small size and lightweight means you don't need a big custom car hauler. The car fits in most trailers whether open or enclosed. The network of CSR provide fantastic trackside support meaning you don't have to haul around a lot spare parts or gear just to make sure you make it through the weekend. The Spec Racer Ford racers are incredibly welcoming and friendy, providing lots of pointer has issues.

There are two types of Spec Racer Fords at the moment, the Gen 2 and the newly upgraded Gen
3. I own a Gen2. Both version use the same specification
chassis, suspension, brakes chassis, suspension, brakes,
transmission and tires. The main difference is the engine and the minimum weight with
and driver. A Gen2 weighs 1670 pounds ( 757 kgs ) and use a 1.9 liter Ford motor that is dyno tuned to 105 horsepower and sealed. The Gen 3 is lighter with a minimum weight of 1570
pounds ( 708 kgs ) due to a more pounds ( 708 kgs ) due to a more
modern and powerful sealed 1.6 liter Ford motor that produces approximately 135 horsepowe These specification and sealed components eliminate fancy exotic component (AKA really expensive parts) and allow driv ers to focus on the competition and racing. While it might not
scratch the engineering tch scratch the engineering itch for
design and fabrication there is still car preparation and setup tuning that you can play with.

## SPECS:

Car: Spec Racer Ford Chassis: Sterer: scca Enterprises Body: 3 Piece Fiberglass Engine: 1.91tr Ford sealed Power/Torque: $105 \mathrm{hp} / 115 \mathrm{lb}$-ft Tranny: Sealed 5 speed Werght: $1670 \mathrm{lbs}(757 \mathrm{kgs}$ ) with Driver Adjustablealed Penske Shocks, Rebound Adjustable and Upper Rockers
Sway bars: Adjustable front and rea Brakes: Vented and Slotted Wilwood Discs with Hawk Pads
FuEL: 7.75 US gallon (29 Litre) fuel cell Thes.Hoosier Slicks 185/60R13 Front and 205/60R13 Rear

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can just drive without havis to

## about setup

## IS IT SAFE?

Safety is well covered, the SRF has ample crush zones and centrally located driver with a full tube frame chassis and roll over hoops. Drivers equipment includes 6 point harness, Helmet, Head \& Neck restraints, full fire retardant clothing (shoes, socks, underwear, drivers suit and gloves) plus arm restraints in case of a crash or rollover. The car also includes a fuel cell and fully integrated
fire suppression fire suppression system.

## IS IT FUN?

Yes! So how fast does it go? The Gen 2 has a top speed of $135 \mathrm{mph}(217 \mathrm{kph})$ and the Gen3 can reach 150 mph ( 241 kph ). The low horsepower car. This means trying to get the highest cornering speeds possible by ringing every last bit of grip out of the tires. With a rear mounted motor and tranny there is a lot of weight in the back and a heary lift mid corner can be disastrous. The car is a lot of fun to drive the open cockpit gives you your helmet. Of course it makes it interesting in the wet but with the short SCCA sprint races the water isn't such a big deal and the smooth driver is rewarded in tricky conditions. With all the cars the same, competition at the front is tough with other racers ready to exploit any on track mistake. With limited aerodynamics the draft on long straights can be awesome and cruel at the same time. The parity of the cars results in some really great racing including multiple ead changes an
battles throughout the fields. Ultimately a great bang for the buck experience, producing lots of fun and excitement for competitors.

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