



# New Sprint

"Better to have been a racer for a moment than a spectator for a lifetime"

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## CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The nominations for Club officers will be held at the regular club meeting on November 13th. The positions available include: Regional Executive, Assistant Regional Executive, Secretary, and Treasurer. Anyone who wishes to be considered for any of the positions should contact Charlie Faris or any of the other members of the nomination committee.

At the November meeting, you will be given five minutes to state your platform. At the December meeting, you will again be given the same opportunity. Voting will then take place at the December meeting.

The outgoing officers will take the time over the winter to help train the new officers in their new positions. We encourage anyone who is interested to throw their hat in the ring so our club can continue to grow and flourish.

**CHECK  
YOUR  
POINTS!**  
Don't forget,  
the points for  
both the  
Summer and  
Fall Series are  
posted on the  
website!

### A NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for their kind words and prayers to us and our family after the passing of our father. It is so nice to know that so many people were thinking of us. We would also like to thank everyone for their understanding of us needing to cancel the final fall autocross on October 14. We do apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Thank you once again,  
David and Lauren Mohar



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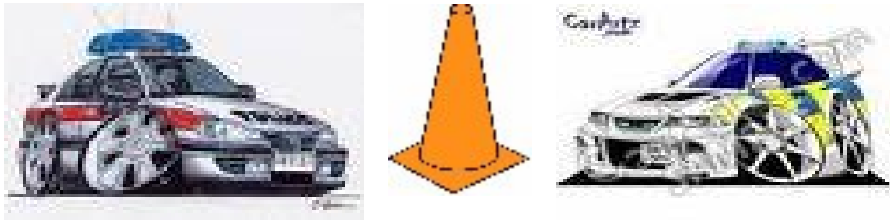
SCCA - Central Penna. Region  
Officers and Executive Committee

|                            |              |                |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <u>Officers</u>            |              |                |
| Regional Executive         | David Mohar  | (724) 423-8006 |
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SCCA-Central PA Region Meetings are Held The Second Tuesday of Every Month at Damon's Grill. Dinner at 6:00 pm and Meeting Begins at 7:00 pm. Upcoming Meetings:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>MEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b> |                     |
| <b>AUGUST/SEPTEMBER</b> |                     |
| <b>Trent Wiker:</b>     | <b>August 1</b>     |
| <b>Barry Duvall:</b>    | <b>August 8</b>     |
| <b>Robert Beck:</b>     | <b>August 13</b>    |
| <b>Jason Klingler:</b>  | <b>August 17</b>    |
| <b>James Pahel:</b>     | <b>August 21</b>    |
| <b>Todd Arbogast:</b>   | <b>August 27</b>    |
| <b>Donna Mohar:</b>     | <b>August 28</b>    |
| <b>Bradley Pahel:</b>   | <b>August 29</b>    |
| <b>Philip Winchell:</b> | <b>August 30</b>    |
| <b>Susan Kennedy:</b>   | <b>September 4</b>  |
| <b>Neil Peterson:</b>   | <b>September 4</b>  |
| <b>John Kohler:</b>     | <b>September 13</b> |
| <b>John Clements:</b>   | <b>September 14</b> |
| <b>Thomas Hummer:</b>   | <b>September 15</b> |
| <b>Lauren Mohar:</b>    | <b>September 23</b> |
| <b>Sam Strano:</b>      | <b>September 24</b> |
| <b>Victoria Benya:</b>  | <b>September 25</b> |
| <b>Paul Stinson:</b>    | <b>September 26</b> |



# POLICE CHALLENGE

The Police Challenge was held on Sunday, September 16th. Police officers from around the region came and teamed up with some of our regular participants. Gary Gurchik and Tpr. Martin Smolko took 1st place followed by Park Wiker and Tpr. Bob Southern in 2nd and Ron Dotts and Tpr. Tom Granville in 3rd. The weather was great, the competition close, and a good time was had by all who attended!

## 2007 Police Challenge Results First Place

ESP Chevrolet Camaro Z-28

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| driven by          | times   |
| Tpr. Martin Smolko | 54.207  |
| Gary Gurchik       | 51.344  |
| Combined PAX Time  | 105.551 |

## Second Place

STX Ford Mustang GT

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| driven by         | times   |
| Tpr. Bob Southern | 56.860  |
| Park Wiker        | 52.209  |
| Combined PAX Time | 109.069 |

## Third Place

AS Chevrolet Corvette

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| driven by          | times  |
| Tpr. Tom Granville | 56.986 |
| Ron Dotts          | :      |
| Combined PAX Time  | :      |

# MEET A MEMBER...

## Adam Mohar

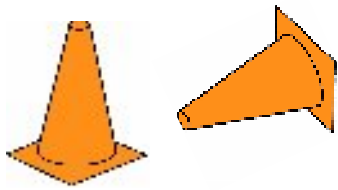
Adam Mohar, age 10, is the youngest member of the Mohar racing family. Like his father, David, and his sister, Rebecca, he has competition in his blood. He started autocrossing at age 8, using the kart belonging to his sister. As his skill level progressed, he moved up into faster karts. He now runs a Laser in FJB class and gives his fellow competitors a run for their money. Sometimes, he even beats his dad! In addition to running in the actual autocrosses, he makes the long trip up to the airport on Saturdays with his dad and helps with course setup, teardown and all the miscellaneous jobs that go with it. He has even co-designed some courses with his father. Like the rest of his family, he has never missed an event.

When the autocross season is over, he participates in his other love...basketball! He plays for the Mt. Pleasant Jr. Vikings. In his spare time, Adam likes to run his Revo remote control monster truck, play video games, and shoot hoops in the backyard.



Adam in action!





# Drivers Challenge

On September 30th, interested drivers got to test their skills against each other in a Plymouth Acclaim. The challenge was run in conjunction with the regular event that day. Jeremy McCauley took home the first place trophy with Bryan Smith and Joshua Knight taking 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

| # Class | Class PAX # | Name            | Car | Run 1 | Run 1 | Run 2            | Run 2 | Best   | PAX    | PAX    |    |                        |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|-----|-------|-------|------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|----|------------------------|
| D13     | DC<br>0.789 | Jeremy McCauley |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 78.451 |        | 77.919 |    | 77.919 61.478 HS       |
| D15     | DC          | Bryan Smith     |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 78.946 | 77.971 |        |    | 77.971 61.519 HS 0.789 |
| D11     | DC          | Joshua Knight   |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 79.420 | 78.481 |        |    | 78.481 61.922 HS 0.789 |
| D18     | DC          | Jon Claypool    |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 78.548 | 76.715 | 1      |    | 78.548 61.974 HS 0.789 |
| D05     | DC          | Dave Kraige     |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 79.807 | 78.762 |        |    | 78.762 62.143 HS 0.789 |
| D19     | DC          | Ron Dotts       |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 81.707 | 1      | 79.199 |    | 79.199 62.488 HS 0.789 |
| D17     | DC          | Bruce Stephens  |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 78.945 | 1      | 79.347 |    | 79.347 62.605 HS 0.789 |
| D20     | DC          | Ryan Lower      |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 79.858 | 1      | 79.709 |    | 79.709 62.890 HS 0.789 |
| D14     | DC          | David Mohar     |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 82.009 |        | 79.807 |    | 79.807 62.968 HS 0.789 |
| D03     | DC          | Charlie Faris   |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 82.444 |        | 81.248 |    | 81.248 64.105 HS 0.789 |
| D07     | DC          | Dan Warner      |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 83.316 | 1      | 81.647 |    | 81.647 64.419 HS 0.789 |
| D09     | DC          | James E. Pahel  |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 81.846 | 1      | 81.846 |    | 81.846 64.576 HS 0.789 |
| D06     | DC          | Lee Watson      |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 89.020 | 1      | 82.729 |    | 82.729 65.273 HS 0.789 |
| D10     | DC          | Don Wilson      |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 82.780 |        | 83.570 | oc | 82.780 65.313 HS 0.789 |
| D02     | DC          | Mike Sember     |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 84.048 |        | 82.991 |    | 82.991 65.480 HS 0.789 |
| D04     | DC          | Lauren Mohar    |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 96.966 |        | 88.182 |    | 88.182 69.576 HS 0.789 |
| D01     | DC          | Jon Mc Closkey  |     |       |       | Plymouth Acclaim |       | 88.784 |        | 96.967 | 1  | 88.784 70.051 HS 0.789 |



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## NELSON LEDGES

Submitted by: Mike Cunningham

Last weekend (10/24/7 to 10/28/7), I had the pleasure of accompanying Bryan Smith on his annual pilgrimage to Nelson-Ledges Road Course. Rob Beck, Andy Bower, and Keith Hoover also took advantage of Bryan's invitation, and Chuck Carroll came along to take pictures and join in the fun. I didn't go to drive, I just wanted to hang out and maybe catch a couple of rides with people. It didn't really work out that way, but I'll get to that later.

So, the normal Nelson-Ledges trip involves leaving on Thursday afternoon to make sure that everyone can get plenty of rest before participating in a "Fun Day" on Friday, and coming home on Saturday after getting a good night's rest from the busy day before. On this particular weekend, the track had its final event of the season, an SCCA regional event known as "The Great Pumpkin Affair." Our plan was to go for the Fun Day, and stay to watch some racing.

We almost scrubbed the entire trip due to a poor weather forecast. Bryan decided that he'd rather take a chance on the weather, because he'd rather go out there and not be able to run than not go out, and hear about what a great time everyone else had. So we went. It was a good thing we did, because we had a truly awesome time.

Due to the earlier indecision, we got started a little later than we would've liked, and we got to our destination around 7PM. Andy was already there, and he had scoped out decent place to eat, and we had a good meal after he got some lumber to make his camera mount work. After dinner, we pretty much went back to the motel and crashed.

Friday morning came, and we thought that we were going to get some dry conditions at the track. We were wrong. The rain would hold off just enough to get our hopes up, and then there would be another miserable drizzle. That didn't dampen the fun, however, since the track officials let us run in the wet. So, instead of having a high-speed, high-grip track day, we ended up with a multi-lap car control clinic.

The flagman laughed when he saw Rob's Regal. He said, "That is just wrong," then leaned on it when he gave the drivers' meeting. Later on, he admitted that he liked seeing some unconventional iron making laps.

At lunch, the guys talked me into signing up for the afternoon, and Bryan was trusting enough to let me take a few laps in the Camaro. I don't know exactly what he was thinking, but I took advantage of his lapse in judgment, and took a 30-minute session in the rain. It was fun, but very stressful trying to keep those 315s under me for 30 minutes straight.

Rob and Andy didn't spin, but Keith did, and Chuck took lots of pictures and a couple of rides with Bryan. Keith left soon after the Fun Day was complete. He wanted to get back to autocross at Her-



they. Bryan, Chuck, Rob, Andy, and I stuck around, and we cooked out behind the trailer as the weekend's competitors arrived, and started unloading and preparing for Saturday's racing. We started meeting the good people that will make the Great Pumpkin Affair an annual trip for us.

Saturday morning's weather was a little bit more cooperative from a precipitation standpoint, but the temperature wasn't much better. It didn't last. It didn't rain during practice, and it didn't rain during most of the qualifying races, but the Group 6 cars, which included classes like GT-1 and T1, had rain right from the start of their qualifying race. The net effect of the rain was a decidedly messed-up starting grid for the next day, with the lower-class cars leading, and the faster cars starting toward the rear of the pack, and needing to pick through traffic before getting down to business.

I learned two things on Saturday. The first, and less important, was the nickname for the top class cars. They call them "ground pounders." Cool. The second, and by far more significant, lesson was about the people at this event. The corner workers are an amazingly friendly, strange, helpful, humorous, and competent bunch of people. The competitors are friendly, strange, helpful, and humorous as well, but the corner workers really steal the show if you take the time to talk to them.

We got invited to the Saturday-night costume party/dinner. I'm telling you, these people have the strangest sense of humor I've ever seen on a bunch of racers. From the short, stout, and male Dorothy (Wizard of Oz), to the 3 Pinto-driving 19th century gentlemen, the costumes were interesting to say the least. There was even a hayride.

Sunday morning came, and there was frost on the truck, but at least it was sunny. here was another day of good racing and interesting people, good food and good company. Chuck was becoming something of a celebrity, as he was the only professional photographer there on Saturday, one of two photographers there on Sunday, and the only person that ever really bothered to capture the corner worker experience on film (or digitally, for that matter). By the end of the day, he and his website([www.chuckcarrollphotography.com](http://www.chuckcarrollphotography.com)) had even been mentioned over the loudspeaker.

The 20 lap races came and went, and the 2 hours of the enduro passed, and it was time to pack up, get the car in the trailer, and head home. So, that's what we did.

Bryan, Chuck, Rob, and I are already looking forward to next year's Great Pumpkin Affair. If you only make one regional SCCA club race per year, the good people and good racing definitely make this one the one to go to.



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# The Picture Page

A special thanks to Aaron Eberhard for the pictures!



Picture page was done by Adam Mohar





# Membership Application

## Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the world's largest member participation automotive organization, please complete the form below and return, with payment to SCCA Membership Department, P.O. Box 299, Topeka, KS 66601-0299.

### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

E mail \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been an SCCA member before?  No  Yes: Year \_\_\_\_ Previous Member # \_\_\_\_

Single  Married Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Spouse Member Number If Current Member \_\_\_\_\_

### IF APPLYING FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP Please list names and ages of children under age 21:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### PRIMARY INTEREST(S) IN SCCA:

Please indicate the area(s) of SCCA in which you plan to participate, or which interest you most. Your response will be used to allocate your national dues to the areas you indicate. Thank you.

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To find your region dues, visit <http://www.scca.com/Join/Index.asp?reference=dues>

|                          | Annual National Dues                      |   | Annual Regional Dues       |   | Total    |
|--------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Member \$ 60.00                | + | Individual Member \$ _____ | = | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spouse Member \$ 20.00                    | + | Spouse Member \$ _____     | = | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Member \$ 95.00                    | + | Family Member \$ _____     | = | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | First Gear (you must be age 21 and under) |   | \$ 45.00                   |   |          |

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. DO NOT SEND CASH.

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I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**CENTRAL PA REGION – SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA**

**\*\*2007 AWARDS BANQUET\*\***

***Saturday, February 9, 2008***

***Toftrees Resort - Le Papillon Room***

*One Country Club Lane, State College, PA 16803*

***Appetizers 5:00pm - 6:00pm***

*Dinner Buffet at approximately 6:00pm – Consisting of:*

*Garden Salad and Caesar Salad*

*Fresh Bakery Basket*

*Pasta Alfredo with Shrimp*

*Sliced Honey Ham with Pineapple Glaze*

*Herb Crusted Chicken with a Roasted Garlic Cream Sauce*

*Roasted Red Potatoes*

*Steamed Vegetables*

*Death by Chocolate for Dessert*

*Coffee, Tea, Soda*

***Cash Bar All Evening***

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***Thank you once again!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults attending = \_\_\_\_\_ @ discounted price of **\$17.50** = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children or Pre-teen attending = \_\_\_\_\_ (**no charge**)

Total payment enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Send Reservation Information and Payment to:**

**Gary Gurchik**

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