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2009 Issue 1 - January

**2008 Final Standings
SMSCC COMPETITION REPORT**

| | | |
|----|-----------------|--------|
| | Good Guys | Points |
| | As of: 11/30/08 | |
| 1* | Jeanne English | 2605 |
| 2* | Larry Scholnick | 2310 |
| 3* | Joanna Paden | 2290 |
| 4* | Rachel Smith | 1740 |
| 5 | Leo Oliver | 1230 |
| | Freya Oliver | 1230 |
| 7 | Sam Weissen | 1135 |
| 8 | Harry Peterzell | 865 |
| 9 | Doug Liedblad | 600 |
| 10 | Paul Zahorecz | 510 |
| 11 | Ron Melitsoff | 225 |
| 12 | Nancy Liedblad | 150 |
| 13 | Dikk Jones | 100 |
| 14 | Janis Jones | 90 |
| 15 | Sean Ayers | 75 |
| | Patrick Russell | 75 |
| | Kevin Ayers | 75 |
| | Charlie Engen | 75 |

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|-----|-----------------|--------|
| | Events | |
| | Run | Points |
| | *Bad Guys*: | |
| | Jeanne English | 5 478 |
| | Larry Scholnick | 5 478 |
| 3+ | Dikk Jones | 4 342 |
| + | Janis Jones | 4 342 |
| 5* | Leo Oliver | 4 317 |
| * | Freya Oliver | 4 317 |
| 7+ | Kevin Ayers | 3 257 |
| + | Sean Ayers | 3 257 |
| 9+ | Charlie Engen | 1 100 |
| 10+ | John Kandara | 1 57 |
| | Rachel Smith | 1 57 |
| 12 | Sam Weissen | 1 22 |
| | Joanna Paden | 1 22 |

* = award winner

+ = did not meet worker requirement

SMSCC members get Good Guy and Rally Competition (aka 'Bad Guy) points throughout the year, and at the end of the year the top people in each category get awards. Last year, the awards were \$50 gas cards. This year???

Good Guy points are awarded for attending meetings, writing rallies, working checkpoints and other things which benefit the club.

'Bad Guy' points are awarded for competing in other clubs' rallies.

Join SMSCC and be part of the fun!

COMMUNICATION WITH SMSCC

CAN BE DONE EITHER BY
SURFACE MAIL TO:

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Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

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Rally Info Available Online

Check out the SMSCC and Cal Club websites for road rally results, rally calendar, flyers for upcoming rallies, and other rally-related information (including a link to the SCCA Minor Waiver required for minors to participate). The Cal Club website has a photo gallery where we post pictures of rally winners - so get ready to smile when you are accepting your trophy!

SMSCC's website is www.smscc.org.

Cal Club's website is www.calclub.com/roadrally.

Minor Waiver Reminder

For a minor to participate in our rallies, both parents must sign the SCCA Minor Waiver. Each parent's signature is only valid if the parent signs in the presence of the rally registrar, or the parent's signature is notarized. You can download the SCCA Minor Waiver from:

<http://www.scca.com/documents/insurance/SCCAminorwaiver.pdf>

Rally Calendar

| <u>when</u> | <u>what</u> | <u>where</u> | <u>who</u> | <u>more info</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|--|
| Jan 2 | First Friday Niter | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| Jan 14 | FFN Checkout | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | 310-372-7168 |
| Feb 6 | First Friday Niter | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| Feb 18 | FFN Checkout | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | 310-372-7168 |
| Feb 28 | Inaugural | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | 310-372-7168 |
| Mar 6 | First Friday Niter | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| Mar 18 | FFN Checkout | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | 310-372-7168 |
| Apr 3 | First Friday Niter | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| Apr 15 | FFN Checkout | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | 310-372-7168 |
| Apr 25 | El Camino | Santa Barbara | PCA | zone8.pca.org |
| May 1 | First Friday Niter | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| May 2 | CitrusBlossomSpcl | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| May 13 | FFN Checkout | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | 310-372-7168 |
| May 31 | TBD | Lancaster | PCA | zone8.pca.org |
| Jun 5 | First Friday Niter | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| Jun 13 | TBD | San Diego | PCA | zone8.pca.org |
| Jun 17 | FFN Checkout | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | 310-372-7168 |
| Jul 3 | First Friday Niter | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| Jul 15 | FFN Checkout | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | 310-372-7168 |
| Jul 19 | Not My Fault | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| Aug 7 | First Friday Niter | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| Aug 19 | FFN Checkout | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | 310-372-7168 |
| Sep 26 | Eureka | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| Oct 2 | First Friday Niter | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | www.smscc.org |
| Oct 3 | CA Challenge | Bakersfield | PCA | zone8.pca.org |
| Oct 14 | FFN Checkout | BofA, Mission Hills | SMSCC | 310-372-7168 |

Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club
First Friday Niter
November 7, 2008

| Place | DRIVER/NAVIGATOR | CAR | CLUB | Leg 1 | Leg 2 | Leg 3 | Leg 4 | Total |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <i>CLASS A</i> | | | | | | | | |
| *1 | Greg Bartlett/Lea Bartlett | Mazda | TCSCC/NASCAR | 2.11 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.13 | 2.32 |
| 2 | Rob Tivy/Charles Engen | Mini | SMSCC | 0.01 | 0.00 | 2.55 | 0.15 | 2.71 |
| 3 | Revere Jones/Larry Richardson | Subaru | PCA | 2.99 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.07 | 3.13 |
| 4 | Joe Akerman/Nicole Matsudaira | Subaru | ITN | 2.32 | 0.07 | 1.29 | 0.07 | 3.75 |
| 5 | Larry Boone/Jenny Boone | Pontiac | Pumkin | 2.58 | 0.04 | 5.00 | 0.56 | 8.18 |
| <i>CLASS B</i> | | | | | | | | |
| *1 | Nathan Harris/Bob Dunlop | Dodge | ITN | 0.18 | 0.44 | 2.09 | 0.66 | 3.37 |
| <i>CLASS C</i> | | | | | | | | |
| *1 | Steve Leyva/Adri VanWest | Honda | | 5.00 | 0.58 | 1.21 | 1.00 | 7.79 |
| 2 | Sabrina Williams/John Hannon | Nissan | | 3.06 | 1.82 | 2.02 | 1.22 | 8.12 |
| C3 | Mike Klein/Kevin Ayers | BMW | SMSCC | 0.14 | 0.87 | 2.17 | 5.00 | 8.18 |
| 4 | Greg Whale/Wayne Persons | Mini | P | 5.00 | 1.15 | 2.26 | 1.71 | 10.12 |
| 5 | Rachel Smith/John Kandara | Subaru | SMSCC | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 20.00 |
| <i>CLASS D</i> | | | | | | | | |
| *1 | Tasha Hamilton/Davidson Adler | Toyota | | 0.81 | 0.45 | 2.52 | 0.86 | 4.64 |
| *2D | Natalie Strong/Patrick Strong | Volkswagen | | 2.90 | 1.20 | 2.04 | 0.10 | 6.24 |
| 3 | Elisa Armont/Steve Conrad | Jeep | | 0.23 | 0.30 | 2.76 | 5.00 | 8.29 |
| 4 | Lina Chen/Nick Zambruno | Mercedes Benz | | 5.00 | 1.60 | 1.70 | 4.02 | 12.32 |
| 5 | Daniel Hoffman/Jacob Lister | Volvo | AADA | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 0.23 | 15.23 |
| 6 | Danny Kisch/Tian Yang | Audi | | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 4.88 | 19.88 |
| * - Trophy C - best single leg in Class C D - best single leg in Class D (earns a Rally Buck) (earns a Rally Buck) | | | | | | | | |

Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club
First Friday Niter
December 5, 2008

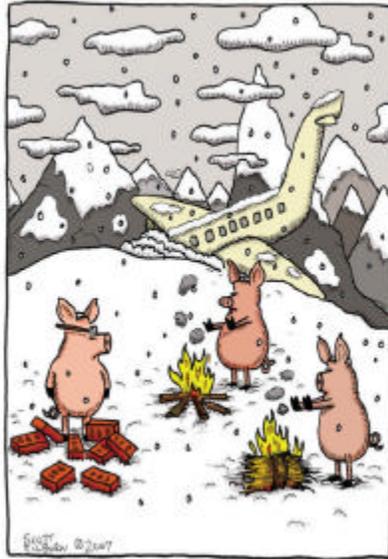
| Place | DRIVER/NAVIGATOR | CAR | CLUB | Leg 1 | Leg 2 | Leg 3 | Total |
|---|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <i>CLASS A</i> | | | | | | | |
| *1 | Joe Akerman/David Budlong | Subaru | ITN | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.33 | 0.36 |
| 2 | Paul McGaffey/Ron Dunlop | Jaguar | ITN | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.44 | 0.46 |
| 3 | Dan Bailor/Don Bailor | Toyota | | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.70 | 0.75 |
| 4 | Rob Tivy/Charlie Engen | Mini | SMSCC | 0.60 | 0.23 | 0.11 | 0.94 |
| 5 | Revere Jones/Larry Richardson | Subaru | PCA | 0.01 | 0.23 | 0.91 | 1.15 |
| 6 | Sue Consiglio/Nathan Harris | Dodge | | 0.09 | 3.58 | 5.00 | 8.67 |
| <i>CLASS B</i> | | | | | | | |
| *1 | Jon Barrett/Robert Dunlop | Mazda | | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.99 | 1.09 |
| 2 | Rob Hughes/Hank Feilen | Mitsubishi | TCSCC | 0.05 | 0.02 | 5.00 | 5.07 |
| <i>CLASS C</i> | | | | | | | |
| *1 | Tony Sun/Erin Sun | Honda | | 0.03 | 0.12 | 5.00 | 5.15 |
| *2C | John Kandara/Joanna Paden | Mazda | SMSCC | 0.01 | 0.41 | 5.00 | 5.42 |
| 3 | Greg Whale/Greg Wright | Land Rover | | 0.10 | 0.48 | 5.00 | 5.58 |
| 4 | Sam Weissen/Paul Zahorecz | Pontiac | SMSCC | 0.03 | 0.70 | 5.00 | 5.73 |
| 5 | Daniel Hoffman/Altair Maine | Mini | | 0.03 | 1.07 | 5.00 | 6.10 |
| 6 | Dan Tam Lung/Kymerli Milan | Subaru | Team D&K Racing | 0.14 | 1.78 | 5.00 | 6.92 |
| 7 | Peter Russell/Robert Russell | Chevrolet | | 0.10 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 10.10 |
| <i>CLASS D</i> | | | | | | | |
| *1 | Jonathan Wahl/Ivan Drury | Mitsubishi | | 0.13 | 0.58 | 4.89 | 5.60 |
| 2 | Mindi Hillman/Edward Baum | Mazda | | 0.15 | 0.82 | 5.00 | 5.97 |
| 3 | Douglas Adler/Stephanie Stacy | Jaguar | Adler Bros. Racing | 0.33 | 2.90 | 4.50 | 7.73 |
| 4D | Tasha Hamilton/Davidson Adler | Lexus | Adler Bros. Racing | 0.04 | 3.22 | 5.00 | 8.26 |
| * - Trophy C - best single leg in Class C D - best single leg in Class D (earns a Rally Buck) (earns a Rally Buck) | | | | | | | |

AUTO-BIOGRAPHY
[as lifted from the November, 08 issue
of GAMES MAGAZINE]

If famed explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were alive today and in the market for a new automobile, they'd undoubtedly have a hard time deciding whether to get a Ford Expedition, a Chevy Trailblazer, or a Nissan Pathfinder. If each of the following present, past, or fictional personalities were looking to buy a vehicle, which model might be fitting for each to choose at the specified dealership?

- 1- Harry Houdini: Ford _____
- 2- Tom Selleck: Dodge _____
- 3- Carl Sagan: Mitsubishi _____
- 4- Arnold Schwarzenegger: Hyundai _____
- 5- Zsa Zsa Gabor: Mercury _____
- 6- Andrew Lloyd Webber: Rolls Royce _____
- 7- Daniel Boone: Nissan _____
- 8- Clayton Moore: Ford _____
- 9- John Travolta: Honda _____
- 10-Sir Edmund Hillary: Mercury _____
- 11-Sir Francis Drake: Nissan _____
- 12-Keanu Reeves: Toyota _____
- 13-Ringo Starr: Volkswagen _____
- 14-General David Petraeus: Jeep _____
- 15-Ludwig van Beethoven: Hyundai _____
- 16-The Beach Boys: Chevy _____
- 17-Princess Grace: Buick _____
- 18-Homer: Honda _____
- 19-Elmer Fudd: Volkswagen _____
- 20-George McGovern: Dodge _____

(answers on page 6)



The Thefts of 1902

New York City famously cleaned up its act during the Giuliani era, but still remains third in the nation for cars stolen — their 37,214 reported in 2007 nearly tied New York with Chicago and placed it a distant third behind Los Angeles.

That's 101 cars a day, but there was a time when it was still novel enough an activity to warrant the publication of each and every car taken...like when the cars stolen on July 29, 1920, were reported.

- Think Fords were popular? Baby Grand Chevrolet, dark green, black mudguard (no year given) 1915-1916 Ford delivery, "Sissler Brothers Express" 1916 Stearns touring 1918 Hudson sedan 1919 Excelsior (motorcycle), olive drab 1919 Ford touring 1920 Maxwell touring, dark blue, black gear 1920 Chandler touring 1920 Ford touring 1920 Ford touring 1920 Ford sedan 1920 Ford sedan 1920 Ford sedan 1921 Ford sedan, aluminum radiator 1921 Ford Sedan 1921 Studebaker touring, blue, wood wheels 1921 Packard touring, blue

- By David Traver Adolphus
Hemmings eWeekly 11/27/2008

STOLEN CAR STATISTICS

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has issued another report showing the most & least stolen cars through 2007.

| Most Stolen | per 1000 vehicle years |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 10.Honda S2000 | 8.1 |
| 9. Dodge Durango | 8.1 |
| 8. Hummer H-2 | 8.7 |
| 7. Dodge Magnum | 9.9 |
| 6. Hummer H-2 SUT | 10.0 |
| 5. Ford F-350 SuperCrew | 10.7 |
| 4. Dodge Charger | 11.0 |
| 3. Cadillac Escalade | 11.3 |
| 2. Ford F-250 SuperCrew | 13.1 |
| 1. Cadillac Escalade ESV | 15.0 |

| Least Stolen | per 1000 vehicle years |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 10.Ford Freestyle | 0.8 |
| 9. Saturn Relay | 0.8 |
| 8. Toyota Prius | 0.8 |
| 7. Volvo V70 | 0.8 |
| 6. Ford Focus | 0.7 |
| 5. V W New Beetle | 0.7 |
| 4. Buick Terraza | 0.7 |
| 3. Subaru Forester | 0.6 |
| 2. Buick Rainier | 0.6 |
| 1. M-B E Class | 0.6 |

| Top cities/areas for theft per capita | |
|--|---------|
| 10.Tucson, AZ | 804.58 |
| 9. Yakima, WA | 814.38 |
| 8. Phoenix/Mesa/Scottsdale | 817.86 |
| 7. Albuquerque, NM | 819.64 |
| 6. Laredo, TX | 820.92 |
| 5. S.F./Oakland/Fremont, CA | 832.47 |
| 4. Stockton, CA | 841.89 |
| 3. San Diego/Carlsbad/ San Marcos, CA | 943.71 |
| 2. Las Vegas/Paradise, NV | 1036.36 |
| 1. Modesto, CA | 1047.99 |

DMV – New Laws for 2009
December 18, 2008

Sacramento— With 2009 right around the corner, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds motorists of several new laws that will ring in the New Year.

Among the new laws is AB 2241, limits the issuance of temporary operating permits to those individuals whose vehicles have yet to pass a smog check. The law calls for a \$50 fee for one 60-day temporary operating permit only if the vehicle has been tested at a smog station and failed.

“This new law ensures that vehicles on our highways are properly registered and maintained,” said DMV Director George Valverde. “We also support efforts to reduce emissions which keep Californians healthy.”

In the past, owners were able to secure a temporary operating permit for 60 days or more if, after paying their renewal fees on time, they were unable to get a smog certificate for any reason. The continued operation of vehicles that have not met California’s smog test requirements is estimated to be emitting one to two tons per day of hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen.

Another law that will take effect in 2009 is SB 28, which coincides with the cell phone law of 2007 and prohibits text messaging with a cell phone or other text-based communications while driving a vehicle. In all, 1,187 bills were passed and 772 were signed into law – including over 80 changes to the Vehicle Code during the 2008 legislative year. Some of the other changes include fee increases to improve air quality, DUI penalties, and a new special interest license plate take effect on Jan. 1, 2009

Following is an abbreviated summary of the new laws that will take effect Jan. 1, 2009, unless indicated otherwise. A more comprehensive list appears on the DMV Web site at www.dmv.ca.gov.

1) CONSUMER PROTECTION

***Unlicensed Car Dealers (AB 2042/Fuentes)** This new law allows law enforcement officers to impound vehicles that are being sold by unlicensed dealers.

***Counterfeit Clean Air Stickers (SB 1720/Lowenthal)** This new law will make it a crime to forge, counterfeit, or falsify a Clean Air Sticker. These stickers are currently issued by DMV to certain low emission vehicles and permit vehicles with these stickers to be driven in the HOV lane.

2) TRAFFIC SAFETY

***Text Messaging (SB 28/Simitian)** This new law makes it an infraction to write, send, or read text-based communication on an electronic wireless communication device, such as a cell phone, while driving.

***DUI Probation License Suspension (AB 1165 Maze)** A change in the driving under the influence (DUI) law creates a new authority for DMV to administratively suspend the driver’s license for one year under a zero tolerance standard. The new law authorizes law enforcement to issue a notice of suspension and impound the vehicle of a person who is driving with a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.01 percent or greater while on court-ordered post-DUI probation.

3) OTHER

***New Special Interest Plate (SB 1455/Cogdill)** A new “Gold Star Family” special interest license will be available to family members of individuals killed in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces during wartime or military operations.

***Motorcycle Definition (AB 2272/Fuentes)** This new law changes the definition of a motorcycle, deleting the existing weight limitation of 1500 pounds. It also removes a separate definition for electrically-powered vehicles. This change in law will also allow drivers of fully-enclosed 3-wheeled motor vehicles to use the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes.

QUARTERLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Regarding bills that can affect all drivers in the state.

AB 616 [Jones]: Another attempt to place all cars more than 15 years old into an annual smog inspection program.

AB 2388 [Feuer]: Would impose a weight fee on vehicles with an unladen weight under 10k pounds

and also a carbon dioxide fee based on CO2 emissions. To be effective in 2010.

AB 2744 [Huffman]: Would allow a fee on each gallon of motor fuel, up to .10 cents per gallon, to go toward off setting public transportation costs. Would sunset after 25 years.

AB3053 [Jones]: Another bill that would re-quire vehicles over 15 model years old to be brought into the smog inspection system, this one by 1-1-10.

Above information provided in the *defender*, publication of the ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA CAR CLUBS. If any of these proposed bills concern you, you should contact the sponsoring legislator and your own legislator. If interested in contacting ACCC see their website: accndefender.org. You should be a member.

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ ON PAGE 4

- 1- Houdini: Ford Escape
- 2- Selleck: Dodge Magnum
- 3- Sagan: Mitsubishi Eclipse [1/2 points for Starion?]
- 4- Schwarzenegger: Hyundai Accent
- 5- Gabor: Mercury Sable
- 6- Webber: Rolls Royce Phantom
- 7- Boone: Nissan Frontier
- 8- Moore: Ford Ranger
- 9- Travolta: Honda Pilot
- 10-Hillary: Mercury Mountaineer
- 11-Drake: Nissan Armada
- 12-Reeves: Toyota Matrix
- 13-Starr: Volkswagen Beetle
- 14-Petraeus: Jeep Commander
- 15-Beethoven: Hyundai Sonata
- 16-The Beach Boys: Chevy Malibu
- 17-Grace: Buick Rainier
- 18-Homer: Honda Odyssey
- 19-Fudd: Volkswagen Rabbit
- 20-McGovern: Dodge Dakota



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INAUGURAL

Saturday, February 28, 2009

What? A Time-Speed-Distance rally written by Samuel Weissen. First in the SMSCC Rally Series of 2009. This rally will be a challenging trap rally with some old favorites and a few new twists. There will be an Inaugural Leg, a Banana Leg, and others. Come along on this adventure on the highways and byways of Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Experience the twists and turns of the road as the rallymaster twists and turns your mind. Run to a set of generals specific to this rally.

Where? Behind the Bank of America on Sepulveda and Devonshire in Mission Hills near the 405 and 118 freeways (the normal FFN start, for the SMSCC regulars).

When? Saturday, February 28, 2009. Registration opens at 9:00am, first car out at 10:01am. Beginner orientation at 9:30am. Rally will be about 6 hours. Finish location to be determined.

How much? \$35 at Start. \$10 off if we receive your entry and payment on or before February 23. Additional \$5 per car for an SCCA Weekend Membership (a Weekend Membership is not needed if both the both the driver and the navigator are SCCA members).

Important! Minors: For a minor to participate, both parents must sign the SCCA Minor Waiver. Each parent's signature is only valid if the parent signs in the presence of the rally registrar (or any SMSCC member), or the parent's signature is notarized. You can download the SCCA Minor Waiver from:

www.scca.com/documents/insurance/SCCAminorwaiver.pdf or link to it from www.smscc.org

Need more information? Contact Jeanne English at 310-372-7168 or email ean21@juno.com. Also see www.smscc.org

To enter, send this form to Jeanne English, Registrar, at 30 13th Street #E, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

Checks payable to SMSCC. Mail early and save!

DRIVER: _____ NAVIGATOR _____

ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (cell preferred) _____ PHONE (cell preferred) _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____ / _____ / _____ CITY/ST/ZIP: _____ / _____ / _____

CLUB: _____ CLUB: _____

EMAIL: _____ EMAIL: _____

SCCA MEMBER? Yes ___ No ___ Member # _____ SCCA MEMBER? Yes ___ No ___ Member # _____

CLASS (circle one): A B C D

Car Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ License # _____

| Please Select | Entry Fees | Amount |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| | Pre-entry (\$25—before February 23) | |
| | Regular entry fee (\$35) | |
| | SCCA Weekend Membership (\$5) | |
| TOTAL | | |

| Registrar use only | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Date entry received | |
| Fee amount (check # or cash) | |
| Car number | |
| Notes: | |

RECALL LOG

Hyundai: 2001 Elantra. Spilled liquid on center console could short air bag causing warning light to illuminate. 150,954 units. Hyundai recall # 088.

Hyundai: 2001-02 Elantra. Misalignment of side impact air bag switch under front seat could cause warning light to go on. [unknown #] Same Hyundai recall # as above.

Saleen: 2007 S331. Fuel rail supply hose can leak. 129 units. Saleen # STB08-008.

Buell: 2008 1125R; 1125CR. Cam tensioner could fail. 140 units. Buell recall # 0836.

Buell: 2008-09 XB12XT; 2009 XB12XP. Windshield can come loose. 624 units. Buell recall # 0837.

Ducati: 2008 Desmosedici. Fuel tank drain/breather may be installed wrong. 289 units. Ducati recall # RCL-08-004.

BMW: 2005-06 HP2 Enduro. Rear suspension not fastened correctly. 365 units. NHTSA recall # 08V564.

Honda: 2008-09 Civic. Fuel hose protective bracket not properly attached. 128 units. NHTSA recall # 08V535.

Bridgestone: Firestone FR380/P235/75/15 & LeMans Champion SE/P235/75/R15. Firestones were made between 6-4-06 & 9-8-07; LeMans made between 6-4-06 & 9-2-06. Made with insufficient tread base. 162,251 tires. NHTSA recall # 08T026.

GM: 2009 Cadillac CTS. Passenger air bag may not operate properly. 12,662 units. GM recall # 08373.

Chrysler: 2006-09 Dodge Charger & Magnum with police package & column shifter. Shift selector could show wrong gear. 20,283 units. Chrysler recall #H37.

Honda: 2001 Accord & Civic. Driver's air bag could inflate with higher than designed pressure. 3940 units. Honda recall # Q96.

BMW: 2008-09 M3 with dual clutch trans. If rapid deceleration, trans could downshift too many times causing engine to stall. 2500 units. NHTSA recall # 08V595.

Mercedes-Benz: 2007 S Class. Front strut steering knuckle could fail. 1515 units. NHTSA recall # 08V608.

GM: 2009 Buick Enclave, Chevrolet Traverse, GMC Acadia & Saturn Outlook. 2nd/3rd row seatbelt buckle may be missing rivet. 16,667 units. GM recall # 08387.

GM: 2009 Saturn View. May have been built with wrong steering knuckle causing loss of control. 2149 units. GM recall # 08389.

Land Rover: 2003-05 Range Rover. Front drive axle not aligned properly. 19,168 units. Land Rover recall # P041.

Jaguar: 2009 XF. Faulty dashboard wiring could cause warning lights to fail. 3754 units. Jaguar recall # J011.

Kawasaki: 2008 Zg1400A8F, A8FL, B8F & B8FL. External debris could cause rear brake pedal to not fully release. 4628 units. NHTSA recall # 08V623.

Graco [convertible car seats]: Models 8C04FRR & 8C04FRR2 – both named Comfort Sport, made between 11-1-06 & 10-8-07. Do not meet FMVSS 213 for child re-straint systems. 43,994 units. NHTSA recall # 08C009.

Ducati [M/C]: 2007-08 1098, 1098 Tri- colore, 1098S; 2008-09 1098R, 848. Engine heat could damage charging system. 7130 units. Ducati recall # RCL-08-005.

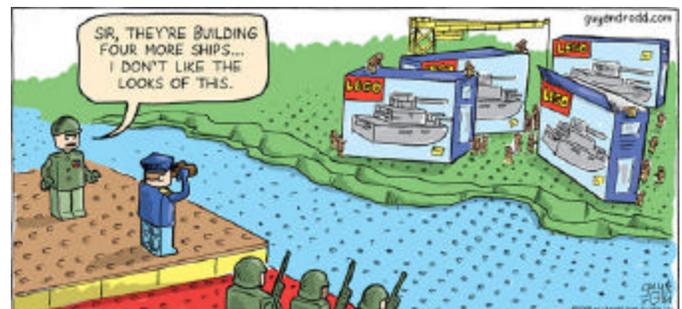
Chrysler: 2007-08 Dodge Ram 2500, 3500. Sound insulation pad could sag and start engine fire. 108,429 units. Chrysler Recall H34.

BMW: 2007-08 Mini Cooper S. Exhaust pipe extends beyond edge of bumper; could cause burns if touched. 28,450 units. NHTSA recall # 08V657.

Subaru: 2008-09 Tribeca. Vehicle dynamic control sensor may have been installed wrong. 5130 units. Subaru recall # WVG-17.

Britax [car safety seat]: 'Frontier' model, made between April 1 & Sept. 18, 08. Harness strap may not be located properly. Britax phone #: 1-800/683-2045. 31,492 units. NHTSA recall # 08C010.

Harley-Davidson: 2009 FXD, FXDB, FXDC, FXDF, FXDL. "Jiffy Stand" may be defective, 3285 units. H-D recall # 0137.



LAKE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE RALLY
Houghton, MI; October 17-19, 2008

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1. Ken Block/Alessandro Gelsomino | Open | |
| 08 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi | 1:44:01.6 | |
| 2. Kyle Sarasin/Mikael Johansson | Open | |
| 99 Subaru Imprezza | 1:45:05.1 | |
| 3. Travis Pastrana/John Buffum | Open | |
| 08 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi | 1:46:30.7 | |
| 4. Andi Mancin/Maciej Wislawski | Open | |
| 07 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo | 1:49:47.2 | |
| 5. Doug Shepherd/Karen Wagner | Grp 5 | |
| 03 Dodge SRT 4 | 1:56:15.9 | |
| 6. Patrick Moro/Mike Rossey | Prd GT | |
| 02 Subaru WRX | 1:56:54.9 | |
| 7. Heath Nunnemacher/Travis Hanson | P GT | |
| 02 Subaru WRX | 1:57:47.6 | |
| 8. Bob Olson/Conrad Ketelsen | Open | |
| 99 Subaru RS | 1:58:32.6 | |
| 9. Eric Burmeister/Dave Shindle | Grp 5 | |
| 07 Mazda Mazdaspeed 3 | 2:01:25.4 | |
| 10. Bryan Pepp/Jerry Stang | Prd GT | |
| 02 Subaru WRX | 2:01:30.1 | |
| 14. Michael Mong/Jimmy Brandt | Grp 2 | |
| 85 Volkswagen GTi | 2:11:49.2 | |

2008 RALLY AMERICA

NATIONAL CHAMPION DRIVER [final] NATIONAL CHAMPION CO-DRIVER [final]

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| 1. Travis Pastrana | 1. Derek Ringer |
| 2. Ken Block | 2. Alessandro Gelsomino |
| 3. Kyle Sarasin | 3. Mikeal Johansson |
| 4. Andrew Picard | 4. Christine Beavis |
| 5. Andrew Pinker | 5. Marc Goldfarb |
| Matthew Johnson | 6. Robbie Durant |
| 6. Antoine L'Estage | Jeremy Wimpey |
| 7. Patrick Moro | 7. Nathalie Richard |
| 8. Tanner Foust | 8. Mike Rossey |
| 9. Kenny Bartram | 9. Scott Crouch |
| 10. Carl Jardevall | 10. Peter Watt |

RALLY JAPAN

Sapporo, Japan; Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2008

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| 1. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen | |
| Ford Focus RS WRC 07 | 3:25:03.0 |
| 2. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttilla | |
| Ford Focus RS WRC 07 | 3:25:34.1 |

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| 3. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena | |
| Citroen C4 | 3:27:33.6 |
| 4. Chris Atkinson/Stephane Prevot | |
| Subaru Imprezza WRC 08 | 3:28:45.4 |
| 5. Per-Gunnar Andersson/Jonas Andersson | |
| Suzuki SX 4 | 3:30:15.9 |
| 6. Toni Gardemeister/Tomi Tuominen | |
| Suzuki SX 4 | 3:31:12.4 |
| 7. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin | |
| Ford Focus RS WRC 07 | 3:32:08.3 |
| 8. Petter Solberg/Philip Mills | |
| Subaru Imprezza WRC 08 | 3:38:22.9 |
| 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Compagnon | |
| Ford Focus RS WRC 07 | 3:40:43.8 |
| 10. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti | |
| Citroen C4 | 3:42:11.5 |

WALES RALLY GREAT BRITAIN
Swansea, Wales; Dec. 4-7, 2008

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| 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena | |
| Citroen C4 | 2:43:19.6 |
| 2. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Antilla | |
| Ford Focus RS WRC 07 | 2:43:22.3 |
| 3. Daniel Sordo/Marc Marti | |
| Citroen C4 | 2:44:30.2 |
| 4. Petter Solberg/Philip Mills | |
| Subaru Imprezza WRC 08 | 2:45:09.2 |
| 5. Per-Gunner Andersson/Jonas Andersson | |
| Suzuki SX4 | 2:47:13.7 |
| 6. Francois Duval/Denis Giraudet | |
| Ford Focus RS WRC 07 | 2:48:17.4 |
| 7. Toni Gardemeister/Tomi Tuominen | |
| Suzuki SX4 | 2:48:34.6 |
| 8. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen | |
| Ford Focus RS WRC 07 | 2:48:48.4 |
| 9. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin | |
| Ford Focus RS WRC 07 | 2:51:23.5 |
| 10. Barry Clark/Paul Nagle | |
| Ford Focus RS WRC 07 | 2:53:02.7 |

DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP
(year end final)

| | Wales | Total |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. Sebastien Loeb | 10 | 122 |
| 2. Mikko Hirvonen | 1 | 103 |
| 3. Daniel Sordo | 6 | 65 |
| 4. Jari-Matti Latvala | 8 | 58 |
| 5. Chris Atkinson | 0 | 50 |
| 6. Petter Solberg | 5 | 46 |

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
(year end total)

| | Wales | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. Citroen Total WRT | 16 | 191 |
| 2. BP-Ford WRT | 9 | 173 |
| 3. Subaru WRT | 5 | 98 |
| 4. Stobart M-Sport Ford | 3 | 67 |
| 5. Suzuki WRT | 6 | 34 |
| 6. Munchi's Ford WRT | 0 | 22 |

LATEST NEWS FROM THE
WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

After one year competing in the World Rally Championship, Suzuki Motors has decided that economic conditions warrant that they drop out of further competition. EVEN LATER news – Subaru has announced that it will NOT compete in the WRC in 2009! They cite the same world economic woes as did Suzuki. Everyone is now waiting to see what the remaining manufacturers will do.

Checkpoint Fun
by EAN 21

I worked the first checkpoint on the November FFN, along with Doug Liedblad. It was fun, for a number of reasons.

After the preview car, rallymaster Rachel Smith, left the checkpoint we discovered that neither Doug nor I had an out marker. No problem; since the out marker was at a sign, I just pointed up the street and told each car where the out marker was located.

The checkpoint itself was a 'quickie' located soon after a left turn, after the end of the odometer check. Of the seventeen cars on the rally, about half of them made a comment such as "That was sneaky!" To which I replied, "On time, all the time!"

Even more fun was the reaction of one team after leaving the out marker. It just so happened that an instruction was intentionally skipped leaving the checkpoint; if you didn't read the handout, and just did the next instruction on the page, you got an error of about half a minute. This particular team, who shall remain anonymous, came back into the checkpoint (backwards) saying, "We think you made a mistake on the handout." I asked what the problem was. The following conversation ensued:

C (contestant): "The handout says the next instruction is number 17".

M (me): "Yes."

C: "But the next instruction is 16."

M: "Yes."

C: "Is the handout correct?"

M: "Yes."

C (as the light bulb comes on): "See ya!"

SMSCC 2009 Rally Series

Once again, SMSCC will be presenting a series of four day rallies:

INAUGURAL is February 28. It will be a challenging trap rally, about 6 hours, written by Sam Weissen.

CITRUS BLOSSOM SPECIAL is May 2, the day after the May FFN. Rachel Smith has written a lightly trapped rally of about 4 hours.

NOT MY FAULT is July 19. The rally will be a tour about 6 hours in length finishing in Ventura, with a format similar to last year's Not My Fault. The rallymaster is Joanna Paden.

EUREKA is September 26. It will have traps, and will probably be about 5 hours. Rallymaster Jeanne English will likely take the rally into the foothills of the Antelope Valley.

There will again be a series championship, with your best three rallies counting. Plus, if you run checkout or work one of the rallies you get points equal to your best finish. Tom Gould benefitted from that in the 2008 Series – he worked Eureka, and got points equal to a first place finish. This put him in a tie for first place.

Points will again be based upon your finishing position in class, and we will be using the same point system that SCCA uses for its rallies. Points are awarded as follows:

| Position | Points | Position | Points |
|----------|--------|--------------|--------|
| 1 | 10.0 | 14 | 1.3 |
| 2 | 8.0 | 15 | 1.2 |
| 3 | 6.0 | 16 | 1.1 |
| 4 | 5.0 | 17 | 1.0 |
| 5 | 4.0 | 18 | 0.9 |
| 6 | 3.0 | 19 | 0.8 |
| 7 | 2.0 | 20 | 0.7 |
| 8 | 1.9 | 21 | 0.6 |
| 9 | 1.8 | 22 | 0.5 |
| 10 | 1.7 | 23 | 0.4 |
| 11 | 1.6 | 24 | 0.3 |
| 12 | 1.5 | 25 | 0.2 |
| 13 | 1.4 | 26 and lower | 0.1 |

. For classes in which only one car is entered, there are several items of interest: classes must be declared when registering for the rally, and may then be changed only once; for trophies, we will do as we do for the FFNs – the single car must beat the next lower class to get a trophy; for results reported to SCCA, the single car will be scored with the next higher class; for points in our Rally Series, if the single car does not beat the next lower class, that car will be combined with the next lower class by factoring the scores (B=1.0, C=0.7, D=0.5) and given points equal to position in class, but not displacing any of the lower class cars (e.g. 1st C, 2nd C, 3rd B, 3rd C, 4th C – in this example, the single B car would have been 3rd in class C and thus gets 3rd place points, but does not displace the 3rd place car in class C.)