

# MILWAUKEE REGION



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*It's about more than driving - it's about LIVING!*

Milwaukee Region SCCA will be holding a Tire Rack Street Survival class on June 27th at Milwaukee Area Technical College - South Campus. The class is open to all licensed teens between the ages of 16 and 19 and runs 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

The primary emphasis of the **Tire Rack Street Survival**<sup>®</sup> is a "hands-on" driving experience in real-world situations! We use your own car to teach you about its handling limits and how you can control them.

It's a safe teen program designed to go beyond today's required driver's education and give teens across the U.S. the driving tools and hands-on experience to become safer, smarter drivers. There are trained and qualified in-car driving instructors as well as classroom experience for each student.

The students will become more observant of the traffic situation they find themselves in. They will learn to look far enough ahead to anticipate unwise actions of other drivers. As the students master the application of physics

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## FORTY YEARS OF FORMULA FORD TO BE CELEBRATED AT ROAD AMERICA

Hosted by Milwaukee Region, SCCA

*Formula Ford's 40th birthday party to be held at North America's most historic and challenging circuit July 24-26, 2009*

Elkhart Lake June 29, 2007 Formula Ford and Elkhart Lake's Road America have been a natural fit ever since the first Formula Ford race in North America back in 1969. Long recognized as the training ground of choice for future F1, Champ Car, and prototype sports car drivers, Formula Ford has produced more stars than any other entry level class.

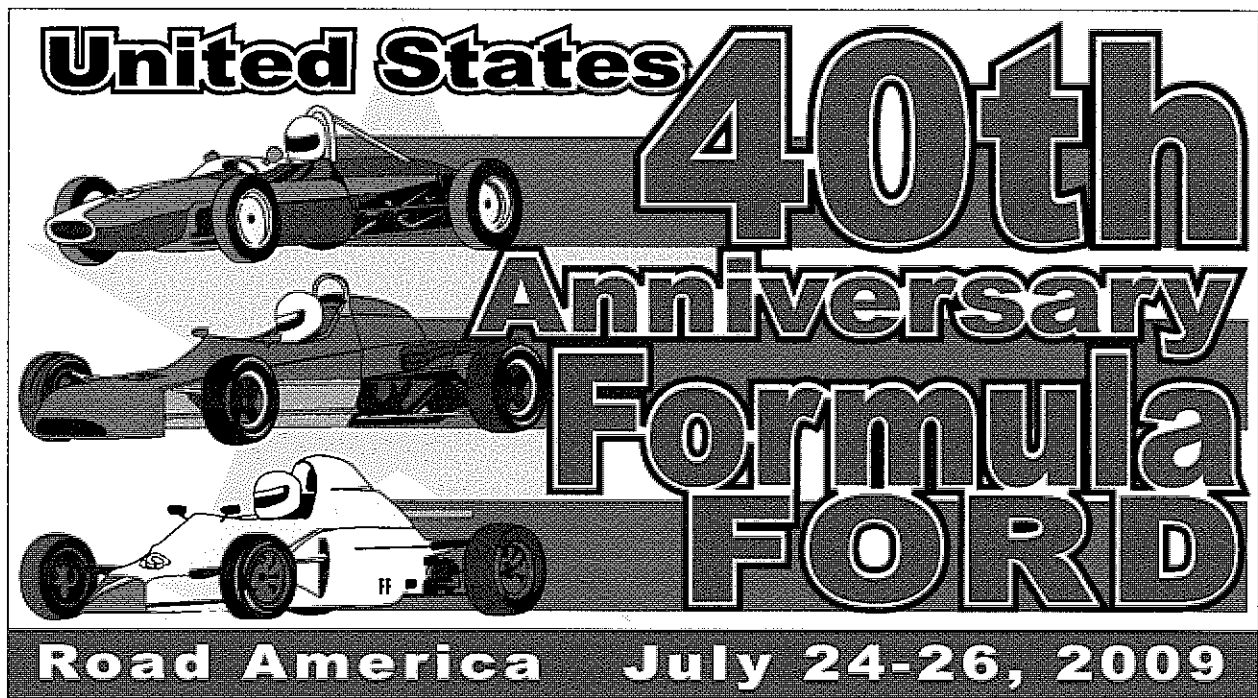
World Driving Champions Ayrton Senna, Emerson Fittipaldi, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell, Damon Hill, Jody Scheckter, Mika Hakkinen and Michael Schumacher all drove Formula Fords. Indy 500 drivers Michael Andretti, Danny Sullivan, Jimmy Vasser John Paul Jr, Eddie Cheever, Paul Tracy and Dan Weldon all learned race craft in Formula Ford. Sports car champions James Weaver, Andy Wallace, JJ Lehto, Stefan Johansson, Jan Lammers, Geoff Brabham and Didier Theys all raced Formula Fords. Designers like Ferrari's Rory Byrne, Williams' Patrick Head, Reynard's Adrian Reynard, and Swift's David Bruns all penned Formula Fords early in their careers. The list is virtually endless and the one common denominator is Formula Ford.

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# 2009 CenDiv Road Racing Schedule

Date	Drivers' School	Regional	National	Other
Jun 27 - 28				
July 4 - 5				CCS Cycles @ RA
July 11- 12		BVR Quad Race @ BHF		
July 17 - 19				KIC @ RA
July 24 - 26		Milw Restricted @ RA (Formula Ford)	Milw @ RA	Milw Vintage @ RA (Formula Ford)
July 31	CHI PDX @ ABJ			
Aug 1 - 2				
Aug 8 - 9				
Aug 15 - 16				ALMS @ RA
Aug 223		Milw Double @ MM		
Aug 29 - 30			CHI @ RA	
Sept 5 - 6				
Sept 11 - 13				VSCDA @ RA
Sept 19 - 20			Runoffs Testing (09/14-21) @ RA	
Sept 22 - 27			Runoffs (09/22-27) @ RA	
Oct 3 - 4				
Oct 10 - 11		CHI Double @ BHF		
Oct 16	Milw PDX @ RA			

Milw – Milwaukee Region	RA – Road America
CHI – Chicago Region	BHF – Blakhawk Farms
BVR – Blackhawk Valley Region	ABJ – Autobahn Joliet



## KIC Registration Hours for Workers and Guests

Please make sure your guests are aware of the Registration Hours. **The KIC Staff will NOT register our workers or guests.** Anyone arriving after our Registration is closed will need to purchase a ticket to enter the track.

**Thursday, July 16 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Friday, July 17 6:30am - 10:00am  
6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Saturday, July 18 6:30am - 12noon**

**Sunday, July 19 6:30am - 10:00am**

## 2009 Solo Schedule

All events held at Miller Park unless otherwise noted.

Solo #3 Saturday, June 20

Solo #4 Sunday, June 21

Saturday, June 27  
Tire Rack Street Survival  
MATC South Campus

Solo #5 CenDiv Divisional  
Saturday, August 1  
Sunday, August 2

Solo #6 Sunday, August 9

National Street Tire Challenge  
Saturday, September 12

Solo #7 Sunday, September 13

Solo #8 Sunday, October 11

Registration: 7:15am – 8:15am  
Course Walking: 7:45am – 9am  
Tech Inspection: 7:30am – 8:30am  
Driver meeting/worker check-in: 9:15am  
First car off: 9:30am

\$30 for regular SCCA members for pre-registration  
\$35 for regular SCCA members onsite registration  
\$45 for non-member/event membership onsite registration

## Region Calendar

June 27 Street Survival (MATC South Campus)  
30 Solo Meeting

July 1 Comp Committee  
14 Board Meeting  
17-19 KIC (Road America)  
24-26 Cat National & FF Anniversary  
(Road America)  
28 Solo Meeting

Aug 1-2 Solo #5, CenDiv Divisional  
1 Public Enemies Road Rally  
(Boulder Junction, WI)  
5 Comp Committee  
9 Solo #6  
11 Board Meeting  
22-23 WI Grand Prix Double Regional  
(Milwaukee Mile)  
31 Solo Meeting

Sept 2 Comp Meeting  
7 Board Meeting  
11-13 VSCDA (Road America)  
12 Solo National Street Tire Challenge  
13 Solo #7  
21-27 Run-Offs (Road America)  
29 Solo Meeting

**Competition Committee** - 6:30pm the first Wednesday of the month at the home of Toby and Sue Schuster. Day and week subject to change, call for details.

**Board Meetings** - 6:30pm the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago, Milwaukee.

**Solo Meetings** - 7:00pm, the last Tuesday of the month at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago, Milwaukee.

# PUBLISHED ENEMIES

## Road Rally

August 1, 2009, Boulder Junction, Wisconsin

A GTA Road Rally organized by the Lotus Corps of Chicago and the Sports Car Club of America.

Enjoy a drive along some of the best all-paved driving roads in Wisconsin's Northwoods, while playing a game of roadside trivia.

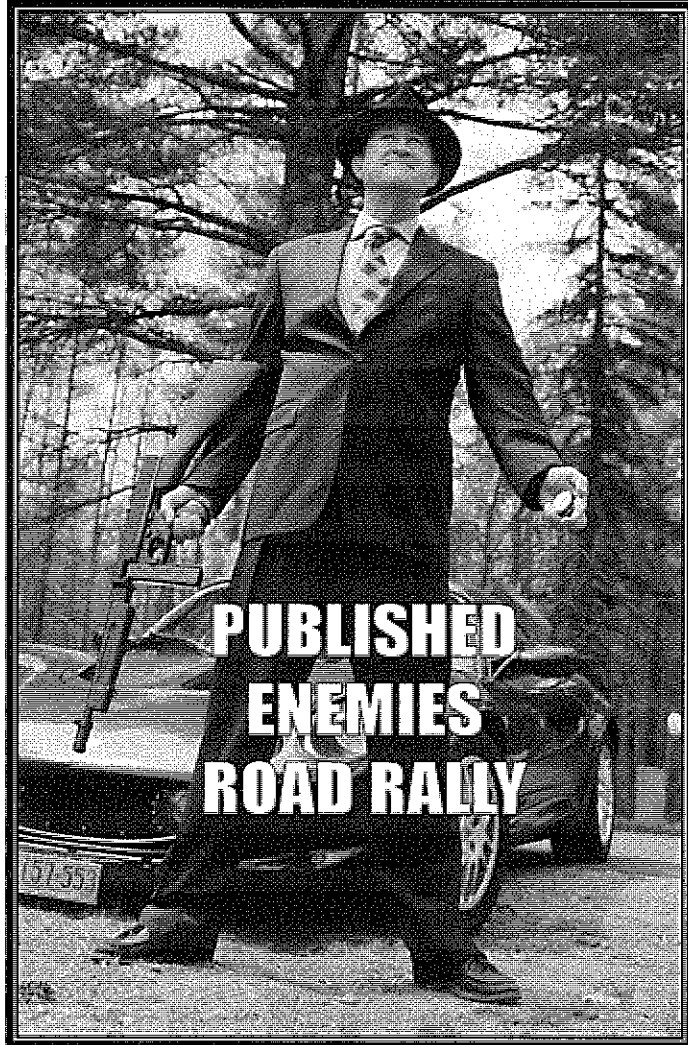
Open to all licensed drivers driving any road legal car. You'll need at least two people (one to navigate, one to drive), a watch, a calculator, a clipboard, something to write with and a willingness to have fun.

All teams competing in gangster regalia will not only receive the Rally Master's appreciation but will score an additional 10 points.

Children related to the driver and/or navigator under the age of 16 will be allowed as passengers.

Both guardians will be required to sign a waiver on behalf of a minor competing in the event.

Pre registration is preferred to ensure sufficient route instructions.



On-site registration will be at the Boulder Junction Community Center, in Boulder Junction, Wisconsin between 10 am to 11 am, August 1, 2009. First Car out at noon. The rally will finish at the historic Little Bohemia Restaurant, the site of the famous shootout (meals are the responsibility of the competitors).

**Entry Fee: \$35.00 per car, SCCA members will receive a \$15.00 discount.**

For More Information and To Pre-register Contact

Rally Master; Dave Koski: (715) 356-4384, [dwkoski@charter.net](mailto:dwkoski@charter.net)

OR

Event Chairman; John Gartner: [rockheadracing@yahoo.com](mailto:rockheadracing@yahoo.com)



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# The Tupper Chronicles

## An Outing at the Country Club Joliet

by Steve Tupper

In 2008, I worked all three days of the June Sprints for the first time in years. Three days on corner 11 was a lesson in alertness and stress management. Several serious crashes occurred that required quick flag response and accurate radio communications. I'd discovered another "alert" factor that Saturday when I dived into the Chicago Region corner track bag and pulled out what I thought was insect repellent and proceeded to spray it upon my body parts. Oops! I had just sprayed myself with BUG KILLER. Alert! Be sure to read label before consuming. Concerned workers kept an eye on me for the rest of the day for any strange physical or mental abnormalities. Nothing new there! As humor columnist Dave Barry would say, "Bug Killer... that's a cool name for a band." My cool names for bands often seem to parallel aging related phenomena; ie, Geezer, Synapse Collapse, and the Screaming Bowels with their hits "My Bowels are Screaming" and "Colonoscopy Blues".

At the Sprints I had heard about a PDX school to be held at Autobahn track in Joliet, Il. sanctioned by Chicago Region. It would be a one day event on Friday, August 15 (2008). Cost was only \$100 as an incentive for workers to stay for the weekend's National race. This was a great opportunity to not only visit the facility for the first time, but to work corners and drive on a track that I've never seen all in one weekend.

Autobahn's website offered the event application, schedules, rules and a map of the facility. To my surprise, there were two tracks; a 1.5 mi. north track with 9 turns and a larger 2.1 mi. south track consisting of 15 turns with a spacious paddock in between the two courses. The north track is primarily used by private residents. Most of the club racing is done on the south course. However, there are times when the two tracks are combined to make a 3.51 mile track with 23 turns.

First thing was to prepare for a three day weekend. Pack PDX essentials like tools, jack & jack stands, two spare wheels, air tank, helmet. Then stuff the corner gear such as duffel bag, sleeping bag, pillow and ice cooler all into a two door Sentra.

Mapquest offered curiously complex directions for a guy who travels to or through the Chicago area only once a year. It was a lengthy trip due to inherent construction. Approaching the area, I found that Chicagoland Speedway and the Route 66 track loomed not far from "les country club du Joliet".

It was evident how well this place was put together. Once registered, you pass the gate on to the long east paddock road. A roundabout displays the American flag as its central feature. Concession and fuel stations are nearby. Further west lay large grass covered and paved paddocks. The south timing & scoring building houses all racing operations and includes showers, rest rooms and meeting rooms. The north course has a similar T&S setup and at this time, about 4:30 P.M., private members were doing hot laps in some fairly hot machinery. SCCA had just finished a test day on the south track for the weekend's Chicago Region National.

There were plenty of familiar faces to converse with before the first PDX meeting. Tony Machi represented our region at the meeting. Chicago Region's Peter Allen and Jim Marinangel were the co-chief instructors. This school was restricted to street legal cars with passing on designated straights only. The school was to take place from 5:30 to 8:30 P.M. We had to hustle so each group (advanced, intermediate and novice) got a familiarization lap with an instructor plus three ten minute sessions before dark.

This was a complex track. Like Gingerman in Michigan; there's lots of turns on this 2.1 mile track. Corners 1 and 2 form a right hand double apex sweep, then left at 3 and downhill over a lagoon bridge and up to fast left hand corner 4. Short straight to left 5 with descent to double apex right at 6. Then go flat out through a right hand kink at 7, brake hard for tight rights at 8 and 9 and tight left through 10. A long straight awaits from 10 to 11. After hard braking into 11, there is a short right and left into 12 followed by the last short straight to 13. At corner 14 you choose either the pit entrance or continue past 15 and the front straight past start. Whew! It's a lot of work

compared to the seven turns at BFR.

By the third run things became more familiar. The last session required headlights. Night driving school; Interesting! The debrief meeting lasted until 10 pm. I pad-docked near the latrines (up wind, of course) and transformed my car into a motel room. The port-a-johns were high tech. They had foot pump flushers and a hinged plate under your bottom to prevent "back splash butt." Some really thirsty Illinois insects left several large, itchy welts on my arms...could'a used some BUG KILLER music.

The next day, workers met at 7am. It was time to learn more about the course. During the van ride to my corner, it was evident why they called it a Country Club. There were mammoth, privately owned "dwellings" spread along corners 6 through 11 and surely more were under construction. Each house used the whole first floor as garage space for their "toys" and the second floor living space had upper decks facing the track. The whole family and guests could watch racing while enjoying a meal or drinks under umbrellas. We later had our Saturday night party at one of these; a mini-museum with vintage cars, racing artifacts, framed paintings & photos and enough room for catering over 100 folks. I worked corner 5 on Saturday. My fellow workers were Greg Creamer and Kim Joiner. These two had me bent over with laughter all day. I tried to contribute to the joviality by demonstrating my "Danica walk" only to trip on the flag stand and gouge my shin. "That's gonna leave a scar," I said, and it did.

The big racing incident at our corner was when Milwaukee Region's Mike Sturm spun in spectacular fashion. While swiftly exiting corner 4, he slid off the track and spun toward our corner station. We did have a protective circular armco, but we had no time to bail; it happened that quickly. Mike's Honda spun BEHIND the station, missed us and another barrier and came to rest in the weeds. No harm done, he continued. We breathed a sigh of relief and surmised how we dodged a bullet.

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# SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

## Event Schedule

Cat National and 40th Anniversary of Formula Ford Celebration, Restricted Regional, and Vintage Races

Milwaukee Region SCCA

July 24, 25 & 26, 2009 - Road America - Elkhart Lake, WI

Sanction 09-N-479-S and 09-R-480-S

### Thursday July 23, 2009

Track-sponsored Test Day - Contact Road America for information

Mandatory GCR Tech Reinspection: FV, F500

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Registration & Technical Inspection (No late entries from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

### Friday July 24, 2009

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM Registration (No late entries from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM)

7:30 AM - 11:00 AM Technical Inspection

8:00 AM Worker Meeting - Road America Center

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Scales Available

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Van Rides on Track

9:00 AM **Mandatory drivers meeting at the Medical Building Classroom - Groups 4, 6, and 9**

9:00 AM - 9:20 AM Practice Group 1 FA, FM, FE, FB, FC, CSR, DSR, S2

9:25 AM - 9:45 AM Practice Group 2 EP, FP, HP, GTL

9:50 AM - 10:10 AM Practice Group 4 CFF, FF (Restricted Regional)

10:15 AM - 10:35 AM Practice Group 3 FV, F500

10:40 AM - 11:00 AM Practice Group 5 AS, T2, T3, SSB, SSC, SM

11:05 AM - 11:25 AM Practice Group 6 FF

11:30 AM - 11:50 AM Practice Group 7 GT1, GT2, GT3, ST, T1, STO, STU

11:50 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch

12:00 PM **Mandatory drivers meeting at the Medical Building Classroom - Groups 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8**

12:30 PM - 12:50 PM Practice Group 8 SRF

12:55 PM - 1:15 PM Practice Group 9 Vintage FF, FF70

1:25 PM - 1:55 PM Qualifying 1 Group 1 FA, FM, FE, FB, FC, CSR, DSR, S2

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Qualifying 1 Group 2 EP, FP, HP, GTL

2:40 PM - 3:10 PM Qualifying 1 Group 4 CFF, FF (Restricted Regional)

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM Qualifying 1 Group 3 FV, F500

3:55 PM - 4:25 PM Qualifying 1 Group 5 AS, T2, T3, SSB, SSC, SM

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Qualifying 1 Group 6 FF

Following Last Session: FF40lh Group Photo Op

Dinner & Refreshments - Road America Center

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Registration & Technical Inspection (No late entries from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM)

### Saturday July 25, 2009

6:30 AM - 2:00 PM Registration (No late entries from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM)

7:00 AM - 11:00 AM Technical Inspection

7:10 AM Worker Meeting - Road America Center

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Scales Available

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Van Rides on Track

8:10 AM - 8:40 AM Qualifying 1 Group 7 GT1, GT2, GT3, ST, T1, STO, STU

8:45 AM - 9:15 AM Qualifying 1 Group 8 SRF

9:25 AM - 9:55 AM Qualifying 1 Group 9 Vintage FF, FF70

10:00 AM - 10:20 AM Qualifying 2 Group 1 FA, FM, FE, FB, FC, CSR, DSR, S2

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM Qualifying 2 Group 2 EP, FP, HP, GTL

10:55 AM - 11:15 AM Qualifying 2 Group 4 CFF, FF (Restricted Regional)

11:25 AM - 11:45 AM Qualifying 2 Group 3 FV, F500

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch

12:30 PM - 12:50 PM Practice Group 5 AS, T2, T3, SSB, SSC, SM

12:55 PM - 1:15 PM Practice Group 6 FF

1:25 PM - 1:45 PM Qualifying 2 Group 7 GT1, GT2, GT3, ST, T1, STO, STU

1:50 PM - 2:10 PM Qualifying 2 Group 8 SRF

2:20 PM Race - 13 Laps Group 1 FA, FM, FE, FB, FC, CSR, DSR, S2

Followed by Race - 13 Laps Group 2 EP, FP, HP, GTL

Followed by Race - 12 Laps Group 3 FV, F500

Followed by Race 1 - 8 Laps Group 9 Vintage FF, FF70 - Split Start

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Registration

Following Last Session: Formula Ford 40th Anniversary Party

Dinner & Refreshments - Road America Center

### Sunday July 26, 2009

6:45 AM - 12:00 PM Registration

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Technical Inspection & Scales by Appointment

7:10 AM Worker Meeting - Road America Center

8:10 AM - 8:25 AM Warm-up Group 4 CFF, FF (Restricted Regional)

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM Warm-up Group 5 AS, T2, T3, SSB, SSC, SM

8:55 AM - 9:10 AM Warm-up Group 6 FF

9:20 AM - 9:35 AM Warm-up Group 7 GT1, GT2, GT3, ST, T1, STO, STU

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM Warm-up Group 8 SRF

10:10 AM - 10:25 AM Warm-up Group 9 Vintage FF, FF70

10:40 AM Race - 12 Laps Group 4 CFF, FF (Restricted Regional) - Split Start

Followed by Race - 13 Laps Group 5 AS, T2, T3, SSB, SSC, SM

Followed by Lunch and "FF Parade of Champions"

1:30 PM Race - 15 Laps Group 7 GT1, GT2, GT3, ST, T1, STO, STU

Followed by Race - 12 Laps Group 6 FF

Followed by Race - 13 Laps Group 8 SRF

Followed by Race 2 - 8 Laps Group 9 Vintage FF, FF70 - Split Start

# Cat National and Ford Anniversary Officials

Race Chair	Bill Hubiak 414-350-5490	Chief Course Marshal	Dennis Kay
Assistants	Bill Banner, Tracey Gauper	Assistant	Vicki Weinhold
Chief Steward	Mike Engelke 920-849-7626	Chief Starter	Marc Knippel
Assistant Chief Stewards - Operating	Rob Woolston, Julie Komp	Assistant	Wayne Wasylo
	Peter Olivola, Bev Heilicher	Medical Director	Dr Gaver
Chairman of SOM	Mike Smith	Chief EMS	Jason Kepka
SOM's	Mike Beumia, JoAnne Jensen	Chief T&S	Jamie Burkart
	Fred Cummings, Kevin Coulter	Chief F&C	Tom Porod
	Bob Lybarger	Chief of Pits	Dennis Wendlandt
Assistant Chief Steward - Safety	Nonda Van Gulden	Assistant	Craig VonAllmen
Assistant Chief Steward - Tech	Paula Spencer	Chief of Paddock	Joyce Johnson
Driver Licensing	Bob Clark 414-351-1465 jskrclark@aol.com	Chief of Grid	Dan Soiney
Chief Registrar	Kay Imig 262-241-8371	Chief of Sound	Michael Holz
Assistant	Cheryl Schommer	Pace Car	Mike Froh, Dave Yahn
Chief Scrutineer	Dennis Troemel 262-547-6089	Regional Executive	Jim Roemer 262-650-7904
Assistant	Bill Dalton		
FF Chief Scrutineer	Dave Kettler 920-467-2939		
Assistant	Joe Stimola 516-978-0092		

## MINOR WAIVER REMINDER

Every minor (under the age of 18) needs a signed minor waiver in order to be able to enter the track premises. A new waiver must be filled out each CALENDAR year.

The minor waiver form is a 2-part form. Only a parent or legal guardian can sign the form.

**ANNUAL WAIVER:** For an Annual Waiver, the form MUST be signed by BOTH parents or legal guardian(s). **The signatures must be witnessed by an SCCA licensed Registrar or the waiver form has to be notarized.** If there is only one parent/guardian or if a parent has sole custody, the appropriate box so attesting must be initialed by the parent/guardian. A minor photo ID (valid only for the calendar year) can be issued after the new Annual Waiver is completed. There is a charge for this photo ID.

**SINGLE EVENT MINOR WAIVERS:** For a single event, the minor waiver must be signed by at least ONE parent/legal guardian. **The signature on this must be witnessed by an SCCA licensed Registrar or Steward whether at or away from the event site or it may be notarized.**

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE REMEMBER, AND REMIND YOUR GUESTS AND CREW** that if they are not the parent or legal guardian of the minor they are bringing to the track, the minor must have a waiver signed by his/her parent or legal guardian and witnessed by a licensed Registrar or a Steward or the form must be notarized. **WITHOUT A SIGNED WAIVER THE MINOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE TRACK!!!!!!!**

If you have any questions or need blank minor waiver forms for your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends, friends of friends, friends of your kids, etc. Contact: Kay Imig  
(262)-241-8371  
Milwaukeeeccaregistrar@gmail.com

Please include your mailing address and the number of forms you will need.

# Families in Racing

## Greg Gauper and a Brief History of the Racing Gauper Family

By Steve Tupper

The Drift staff e-interviewed Milwaukee Region driver Greg Gauper, age 46, from Hubertus, WI. In addition to Greg, practically the whole Gauper family has been involved with SCCA racing and race working. Greg's dad and mom, Lew ( former driver, corner worker and current starter) and June (sound control and crew for Greg) still work at races locally, in the SouthEast Division and at the Run-Offs. Greg is still an active corner worker at his home tracks BFR and RA. He's worked Run-Offs at Road Atlanta and Mid-Ohio. Both Greg and his sister, Liz have worked for 30 years with the club. Liz, a former F&C chief, worked F&C at the Run-Offs, has worked T&S and has been a race chair.

Greg's wife, Tracey has worked many specialties including F&C, T&S, Registration, Sound Control, Race Control and Race Chair. She also works with the Competition (race planning) committee. Tracey has also driven at a regional driver school. Liz's three daughters are race workers.

Andrea Wegner worked F&C for several years. Sarah Wegner has worked F&C and Registration. The youngest is Hannah Rolf who is in high school and has worked in Registration since before she was in grade school. Just about all of these family members have achieved "Worker of the Year" in a specialty or similar awards from the Milwaukee Region. Additionally, Liz and Tracey have accomplished two of the region's highest honors; Liz, the Wuestoff award, and Tracey was awarded the Uihlein trophy.

Greg recalls crewing at age 13 for his father Lew, during his racing career (1976 to 1982). "Dad started out racing an Austin Marina in Showroom Stock C. He switched to a Capri for 1977 and scored his first national race win. He set several track records at Blackhawk, Road America and Brainerd to earn an invite to the 1977 Run-Offs at Road Atlanta where he placed 5th. In '78 the SCCA reclassified the car from SSC to SSB making the car less competitive. In '79 he campaigned a Mazda RX3 in SSB. Dad did not make the Run-Offs, so in 1980 he purchased an Austin Healy Bugeye Sprite for H Prod but suffered several DNFs. He revived the Mazda from retirement and won first time out. As luck and skill would have it, he won several more races and had top fives to finish 2nd in CenDiv. Dad entered the '80 Run-Offs and finished 8th beating several other division champions. In 1981 he sold the Mazda, managed a finish in the Sprite, and bought a Dodge Charger 2.2 for SSB in 1982. This car was not as competitive and he retired from active driving at years end." After several years Greg's mom and dad relocated to Florida and are still active in SCCA.

Greg drove his first drivers school in 1985 in his father's AH Sprite and got his regional competition license that year. He was honored to have "inherited" his father's crew chief, the late Vern Fitch. Other region workers have crewed for him including Ken Cramer.

"I campaigned a Honda CRX in SSC in '86 and scored my first regional win and won the Central Division Regional Championship. I obtained my national license that year and competed in my first June Sprints finishing 8th from a field of 16. The Honda was my daily driver as well as my SSC racer until it was converted into ITB class in 1989, placing 3rd in the CenDiv Regional Championship. In 1990 I had four victories, won the CenDiv crown and placed 5th at the inaugural IT Festival at Heartland Park, which was the fore runner of the ARRC event currently held at Road Atlanta".

In 1993, Greg took time off from racing to buy a house. He continued to work F&C where he met Tracey Hamilton at a 1996 race. This led to a "long distance" romance for several years. In 1999 they were engaged and married in the Y2K. During this time, Greg built his current racecar, a 1984 Honda Civic and competed in ITC class for five seasons culminating with the 2002 Cen-Div Regional Championship

"In 2003, I converted the car to G Production and scored enough top 5 finishes to earn my first invite to the Run-Offs at Mid-Ohio where I started 35th and placed 25th. In 2004, I finished 3rd at the June Sprints and earned another invitation to the Run-Offs and placed 14th. I continued to develop my car and driving skills and won my first national race at Gateway International in St Louis in 2005, set a track record in 2006 at the Milwaukee Mile, and placed 6th at the Run-Offs in 2007 where my car was the highest placing "Limited Prep" car.

"In 2008 the SCCA eliminated the G-Prod Class and the car was re-classified H Production with a weight increase. 2008 was a breakthrough year for me as I won my class at four tracks (Blackhawk, Grattan, Road America and Autobahn). I capped off the season with a hard earned 3rd place podium finish at the Run-Offs and followed that up with a track record at the season ending regional at BFR. In 2009, I have a pair of top three finishes and I'm looking forward to earn an invite to the Run-Offs which will be held for the first time at Road America."

Yes, after several years at Heartland Park Topeka the Run-Offs will be transferred to Road America in Elkhart Lake. Surely the whole Gauper relation as well as many friends from several SCCA regions will be watching and cheering for Greg Gauper in the #15 Honda Civic. Nothing could be better than to win the national championship at your home track. Good Luck Greg!



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Tupper Chronicles

As part of the Saturday evening par-taay, all the workers were invited to participate in a kart race. The .36 mile kart track was just southeast of corners 1 & 2. The event was a one hour enduro. Since there were about 15 karts for 30 drivers, we paired up (drive 15 min. and rest 15 min.etc.). Helmets and neck braces were provided. With my experience at PDX, I thought I'd be a ringer. Wrong!

Lesson one: Do Not Brake! Keep your throttle foot mashed to the floor, blip brake if needed in the first turn, then throttle to the floor all through the esses. There was a lead pack of 5 or 6 guys who were relentless. Soon I became a back marker.

Lesson two: it is fair game to punt slower karts. Ah, the old punt, pass and kick (stones) routine. My shirt read, "Lead, Follow, or Get Out Of My Way!" Doug Johnson later joked "Every time I came up behind Tupper's shirt, I was like 'Get Out of My Way, Tupper!'" Stones pelted bodies. Dust permeated helmets. I thankfully relinquished the kart to my partner. My arms were about to fall off.

After a nice rest, the torture resumed. In all, I was lapped about 5 times. Just getting out of the vehicle was a challenge. It's been said, "...never had so much fun (and pain) with my clothes on!" More jokes and stories were exchanged at the evening all-you-can-eat buffet.

On Sunday, I was moved to corner 6. My partner was Chicago Region's John Mustonen. He lives and works nearby and had just got off third shift, came to the track, and had to go back to work that afternoon. What a guy! Behind us towered Bobby Rahal's gigantic "cottage" called the Taj Rahal. A special pace lap with safety trucks displayed the American flag for Chicago region members serving in the war. The E Prod race featured CenDiv points leader Greg Gauper in his Honda Civic si. Greg was having one of his best years ever. His record of podium finishes included a third at the Run-Offs in Topeka, and at least 3 checkers including this day at Autobahn. An interview with Greg by the Drift staff (elsewhere in this issue) highlights his career and includes the rest of the Gauper family's connection with SCCA motorsports.

It was a fulfilling weekend at Country Club Joliet. When time came to leave for home, Mapquest directions back to Wisconsin were confusing. OK, I'll invest in a GPS soon enough. Luckily, I spotted corner worker Jason Gyulay while at a gas station and asked him if he knew a better way. "Throw that map away," he said. "Just take 80E, then 355 NW Suburbs, then 88E to Chicago and on to I-94". That's it? Woo-Hoo! Traffic wasn't all that bad, either. Thanks Jason, you're a life saver!

Love and Thanks, Tupper

## Welcome New Members

### The Boucher Family

Frank, Victoria, Nicholas, Kristen,  
Marissa, Michael, Nina

### Harrison Chin

### Elise Curio

### Ryan Damm

### Sean Farchmin

### James Haim

### Kyle Harvey

### Jeremy Hinz

### Mathew Kapecky

### David Koski

### Chris Laskey

### Brad Leak

### Dan Mai

### Russell Malson

### Dan Marcellis

### Matthew Pody

### Charles Ramsdell

### Robert Richard

### Ron & Wendy Schlegel

### Mick Sellergren

### Andrew Smith

### Nancy Smith

### The Weaver Family

Richard, Emily, Susan, Eliot

### Tyler Thielmann

### Audra Woerner

Are you bored at the track? Need something to do? Want to become more involved?

How about helping out at our trophy presentation table?

We're looking for some helpers to help hand out trophies to the drivers on Sunday afternoons after the first race of an SCCA Milwaukee Region National event, or on Saturday or Sunday (or both!) of an SCCA Milwaukee Region Double Regional event.

This job is **EASY**... all you have to do is hand out trophies to the drivers and post the race results and sound sheets on the bulletin board. We will make sure you are paired up with an experienced helper that can show you how it's done and be there to answer any questions.

This job is **FUN**... meet the drivers.....hear their stories..... work with really nice people!

Bring your kids or a friend along if you'd like - they can help too! You do NOT need to be an SCCA licensed worker or SCCA member to help at the trophy table!

Just show up at the trophy table at one of our races. We would be glad to have you!

Our trophy table At Road America is located in the gas station (AIR CONDITIONING!!) and in the infield Media Center at the Milwaukee Mile.

If you are interested in helping or have any questions contact Jackie Yahn at [razerx@execpc.com](mailto:razerx@execpc.com).

See you at the track!!

*Street Survival*  
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to drive their cars, they will make fewer unwise driving actions themselves. They will understand why they should always wear their own seatbelts, and why they should insist that their passengers wear seatbelts, too.

The local contact for this program is Jane Gosz. 414-543-8959.

## Land O' Lakes August Regional Canceled

The Land O' Lakes Region of the Sports Car Club of America regrets to announce that the Jack Pine Sprints Double Regional Race scheduled for August 8th and 9th at Brainerd International Raceway is cancelled for this year.

*FF Anniversary*  
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Since opening in 1955, following the final Elkhart Lake road races, Road America's over 50 years of history and 4 miles of challenging track have seen every type of car and virtually every driver from around the world. The central Wisconsin circuit is readily accessible to the great majority of road racers and enjoys a strong following among both competitors and spectators alike.

Three generations of Formula Fords will be racing at Road America. The burgeoning Monoposto Racing group will host an event for Historic Formula Fords (1969 – 1974). Second generation cars (1975 – 1981) will be featured in the always well supported East vs West Challenge series race for Club Fords. The feature event for current generation Formula Fords will be in conjunction with a Central Division SCCA National Points Championship race. Marques represented include Crossle, Lola, Titan, Reynard, Van Diemen, Swift, Citation, Tiga, and Piper all powered by the Ford 1600cc Kent Bold"J" engine.

The three day event is tentatively scheduled to begin on Friday July 24 with test sessions for all cars entered for the weekend. The weekends event schedule will include practice, qualifying, and races for all three generations of Formula Fords as well as a full slate of SCCA national classes on Milwaukee Regions Cat National race event.

A dinner party featuring a program of

significant Formula Ford personalities is planned for Saturday July 25. Other surprises and delights are being planned: a prize drawing, a Formula Ford movie festival, and so on.

An engine seminar with prominent Formula Ford engine builders Sandy Shamlan, Steve Knapp, Arnie Loynning, Ted Wenz, Peter Marcovicci, Rollin Butler, Curtis Farley, Jay Ivey and Sam Nelson is being planned. Craig Taylor has already committed to being in attendance and will offering full service and advice on Formula Ford drivetrains. This event is being developed, organized and administered through the mutual efforts of Road America, the Milwaukee Region of the Sports Car Club of America, and the efforts of long time Formula Ford competitors Steve Beeler and Mike Rand, collectively defined as the Formula Ford 40th Anniversary Committee.

So whatever else your race plans are for 2009, whether driver, crew, spectator, race worker, be sure to put the date July 24-26 at Road America on your calendar...in ink. It will be one great 40th birthday celebration of the Champions Class, Formula Ford.

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