

# Welcome to Tennessee Valley Region Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) Autocross

## What first?

We are very happy that you have joined us! Our principle goal today is to have an enjoyable experience with our many friends and make many more.

Ask anyone you meet if you have any questions. If they are new also then ask around for a SCCA member and they will assist you. There are several people whom you will meet today.

Regional Executive – Mark Rothermel
Mike Cavanaugh – Solo Chairman
Tim Brewer – Waiver Chief
Steve Conrad – Registration and Timing Chief
Josh Cavanaugh – Worker Chief
John Clarke – Chief of Safety Stewards
Charles Wright – Youth Steward

If you have questions these people are here to help you.

# Are you new to the SCCA?

We are always pleased to introduce people to the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). We are a national club and our region, Tennessee Valley, is involved in Autocross, Rallycross, Time Trials, Hill Climbs, Club Racing and just love fun with friends and cars.

To participate, not just watch, you have to be a member of the SCCA. For you convenience we offer Weekend Memberships for \$10 so that you are covered by our SCCA event insurance. A form is available as you sign in at the Waiver Station.

There is one constant at an autocross. Everyone wants to help new people get as excited as we are about this sport.

- Ask questions. We all want to share what we know.
- Get a ride. Ask anyone if you can ride with them as long as you are not going to be driving in the next several cars to the line.
- Ask someone to ride with you. Sometimes just a couple of comments can net several seconds faster.
- Have fun. Autocross is a competition but on Monday it is just a pleasurable experience.

## Site Etiquette

- Please help us keep the best autocross site in the Southeast United States.
- Please do not litter. Use the trash cans available around the site. If you see something on the ground please pick it up. We like to leave Milton Frank Stadium clean as possible.
- Please do not go on the Football field. Huntsville City Schools are very strict about this.
- Please do not go into the stadium seats. They are not included in our permission to use this site.

#### Insurance Waiver

The first thing when greeted was that you should have been offered the insurance waiver to sign. This waiver is mandatory and if you cannot sign, we understand but you will not be able to stay on the premises. Please wear the SCCA armband which signifies you have signed the waiver in a visible location such as your wrist or pants belt loop. A ball cap is not satisfactory.

SCCA members may already have an annual waiver which is noted on a plastic membership card issued by the SCCA National office. You must show this to get an armband.

Young people less than 19 years of age need a minor waiver signed by both parents and witnessed by a SCCA member or notary. Happily this only needs to be filled out once a year and the waiver will be kept on file with the TVR Region. If you already have a waiver on file please ask the worker to check the minor waiver list.

If you need to leave remember to show the worker your armband as you return so that you don't have to sign the waiver again.

## **Event Schedule**

7:00 AM	Gates open and Setup starts
8:00 AM	Registration and Tech are open
8:30 AM	Course is open for walking
9:30 AM	Novice walk
10:00 AM	Registration and Tech close

10:15 AM Drivers Meeting

10:30 AM Start

4:00 PM Cleanup and Trophy Presentation

## Test & Tune Schedule

8:00 AM Setup 9:00 AM Runs begin 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch 4:00 Cleanup

## Course Map

Consult the course map to see where the paddock area is located for your car and equipment. The bathrooms and other locations are also noted on this. The actual course will be close but not exactly as shown since changes are usually made for safety or drivability issues. Please keep this with you since it shows the locations of the worker stations.

#### **Paddock**

Pick a convenient place that does not have equipment already laid out. Milton Frank Stadium has lots of area for trailers, cars, tires, EZ-Ups, coolers, chairs... all of the items we use to make life easier. When you leave please make sure the area is clean. There are trash cans provided by Huntsville City Schools.

## Registration

Hopefully, you have already registered on the Internet. This makes the registration lines move quicker and gives you more time to prepare your car, walk the course many times or trade stories with the other drivers.

If you need a Weekend Membership form, please make sure it is filled out before you get to the registrar.

# Technical Inspection

Please ready your vehicle for the event before taking it to tech inspection. You should also have your numbers on the car since they are part of the inspection. Shoe polish on windows is not acceptable. Cars that cannot pass inspection will not compete and the driver or drivers will be reimbursed the entry fee.

#### Course Walks

All drivers should walk the course to familiarize themselves of the layout and conditions. Walk with friends, experienced people or by yourself. Anticipation of the next several features is essential to getting the best out of your experience.

### Novice Walk

If you are new to the sport and want to learn about a possible approach to the course as described by a veteran then join the Novice Walk.

# **Drivers Meeting**

We ask that everyone on the site attend the Driver's Meeting. Information that we share will apply to everyone. Run groups will be announced at the end. Work assignments also follow this meeting.

## Safety

John Clarke is the Chief Safety Steward. He and the other Safety Stewards are charged with advising all of us about the safe operation of the event. If they point out a problem, please comply immediately. If you see a potential problem, make sure you are safe and then advise an event official or worker with a radio.

## Safety is EVERYONE'S Number ONE priority!!

# Work Assignments

Everyone who runs has a job in autocross. Josh Cavanaugh will assign worker positions for tech, grid, start and course. Make sure you check in with Josh before taking your assignment. If you do not report for your work assignment then your times will be deleted.

# **Trophies**

Trophies are presented for every class contested. If you are in a one car class the trophy is a place winner, not a 1<sup>st</sup> place. Trophies are presented at the end of the event when the trailer has been packed up and we are ready to leave. We will have a drawing for door prizes so you will want to stay around.

### Results

Results will be posted on the evening of the event at http://teamtac.org

# **Sponsors**

Victory Sweepers have cleaned the area during the week before an event. Their help makes the experience unparalleled for autocross anywhere in the US.

Static-X provides parts and services for your speed equipment.

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