



Dear new or prospective SCCA member,

Hello, my name is Paula Hawthorne , and I am the Steel Cities Region SCCA membership chairperson. This letter is to give you a little more information on Steel Cities Region and SCCA. I have also included some information on various positions within the Regions Racing, Rally and Solo activities.

What is the SCCA? Since 1944, the Sports Car Club of America is a national group of automobile enthusiasts whom have banded together, 60,000 strong, to help support their love of racing. The SCCA has divided the country into 9 areas called divisions (for example Steel Cities is in the Northeast division of the country). Steel Cities Region is one of 19 regions in the Northeast division dedicated to the support of auto sports of all kind.

What does Steel Cities Region do? We are a membership organization that facilitates and supports racing events in a 10 county area in southwestern Pennsylvania. The largest event we support is the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix which is a 10 day festival of racing and car shows at many locations. Although Steel Cities Region does not officially sponsor this event, we actively support it, and in fact provide most of the workers for the actual race events at both Schenley Park and at BeaveRun. We need all the help we can get to help support these events to help the Vintage charities, the Allegheny Valley School and the Autism Society. To volunteer or to find a schedule of events log on to www.pvgp.org

The Steel Cities Region holds many forms of racing where YOU get to drive.

Solo or Auto Cross - Test your driving skill as you drive your car through a course of cones in a parking lot. All you need is a driver license and a helmet that is 1995 or newer. No special equipment is needed, but your car will undergo a safety check before the event. Speeds rarely exceed 60mph and every second counts. Steel Cities currently holds its auto cross events at Beaver run motor sports complex and Consol Energy park.

Time trials - A mini version of a road race on a closed course (Beaver Run's go kart track). You get three laps each session to better your drive time. This is an excellent opportunity to fine tune your driving skills before the bigger and faster road racing.

Road racing - This is where you start rubbing doors in cars that have roll cages on the big track at Beaver Run and Nelson Ledges (rubbing doors is highly discouraged, however). Successful completion of an SCCA driver school and road racing license is required. Steel Cities Region runs two events at BeaveRun each year, and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Hill climb - This competition is a time trial, up a hill, on a closed public road course in cars with roll cages. Fastest one to the top wins.

Road rally - also known as a time, speed, distance rally. This is not about how fast you go, it is about how accurately you can cover that distance in a given amount of time. Clues are given for each leg of the race. If you arrive too early or too late at the end of each leg, you get penalty points. This contest is held on public roads at below the posted speed limit and the fewest points wins.

Want to get closer to the Road Racing action without driving? BE A CORNER WORKER! You cannot get a better view of the racing anywhere else. The racing cannot happen without the corner workers and training is free. As an added bonus - when you work races you get a discount on your SCCA membership. In addition to corner working, there are many other positions at the track that need filled by volunteers LIKE YOU.

For new prospective members, how do you join the SCCA?

The SCCA web site is: www.scca.com

Just click on the JOIN NOW button and fill out the application at the bottom of the page. Don't forget to tell the SCCA that you are from region #39, the Steel Cities Region.

The Steel Cities web site is: www.steelcities-scca.org.

If you are a new member, please feel free to copy this letter, and pass it out. Feel free to bring somebody you know to one of our events. We can't have Steel Cities without your help.

Here are some other web sites that you should know about.

The Northeast Division S.C.C.A web site is:

www.nescca.com

www.nedivsolo2.org is the North East Division Solo 2 Site

www.nationalroadrally.com is the National Road Rally Site

www.pahillclimb.org is the Pennsylvania Hill climb assoc.

The tracks that we race at are as follows:

BeaveRun Motorsports Park web site is:

www.beaverun.com

Nelson Ledges Race Track web site is:

www.nelsonledges.com

We even have blog sites both nationally and locally in which you can read and comment about all forms of racing.

www.sccaforums.com is a national blog site.

www.racepa.com is a local blog site.

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