

Dahnert now SCCA CEO

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TOPEKA, Kan. — The Sports Car Club of America Board of Directors have selected SCCA vice president of finance and administration Jeff Dahnert as the Club's next president and chief executive officer. Dahnert will transition to the position Jan. 1.

Dahnert arrived at SCCA in November of 2004. Since then he has brought transparency and accountability to SCCA's finances, substantially reduced loan amounts and helped bring SCCA Pro Racing back into the black. Evaluating each program and contract to the last detail and pushing for major restructuring, Dahnert has successfully turned around SCCA's finances and given the club a bright future.



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"The quality of applications received for the position was quite impressive," SCCA Chairman of the Board R.J. Gordy said. "We're so pleased to promote someone from within the organization who can bring a fresh and youthful perspective to the position. We're looking forward to moving our club ahead and forging an exciting working relationship with our new president."

"It's an honor to be chosen as SCCA's next president," Dahnert said. "I'm very proud of what I've been able to accomplish as VP of fi-

nance. It has prepared me for the challenges we currently face in this tough economy and given me great insight into what we can do to make the organization grow. I'm looking forward to interacting with the membership and its leaders as the club continues to prosper."

Before his time at SCCA, Dahnert spent several years with Sprint as a senior financial analyst.

A Minnesota native, Dahnert received his bachelor of science in accounting from Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minn. He is a certified public accountant and recently completed an executive development program at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

Dahnert and his wife Laura and family live in Lawrence, Kan.

2009 SCCA contingencies set

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TOPEKA, Kan. — The 2009 SCCA Club Racing National season is set to begin only a few short days after the Christmas presents have been unwrapped and New Year's resolutions have been set. With the clock ticking away on 2008, drivers should begin to think about registering for 2009 contingency programs.

Though one Club National event has already been tallied for the 2009 season by the Arizona Region at Phoenix International Raceway, the first race of the new year will be held at Palm Beach International Raceway, where the Florida Region eagerly begins the year with a Double National.

With the exception of one Region in the Northern Pacific Division and two Regions in the Northeast Division, all Club National events have been posted at www.scca.com. Just click the events tab.

Several contingency programs have already been confirmed for 2009 with the remainder to be confirmed after the holidays.

Goodyear, Hoosier and Toyo have returned for another season of Club Racing. Goodyear is offering two free tires for winners in select classes, as is Hoosier, who will also award runner-up finishers with one free tire. Toyo Tires has increased their payouts in Spec Miata. In 2009, Toyo will pay cash awards to first through eighth place finishers, ranging from \$400 for first to \$75 for eighth. Additionally, Toyo will award \$1,500 to each eligible Spec Miata Division Champion.

Summit Racing Equipment will also offer cash payouts to eligible drivers. Summit offers \$125 for first-place finishers, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third.

Toyota-TRD is the first of the auto manufacturers to confirm its program. The company is prepared to offer \$800 to GT-2 and GT-3 winners, while GT-Lite, G Production, Showroom Stock B and C, Formula Atlantic and C Sports Racing winners will be awarded \$400.

Contingency registration forms and program information are now posted at www.scca.com/contingencies.aspx?hub=1&cid=9.

SCCBC notes Westwood's anniversary

The Westwood50 organizing committee, in conjunction with The Sports Car Club of British Columbia and the Vintage Racing Club of British Columbia, announces an event to recall and celebrate the legendary Westwood Racing Circuit. Westwood held its first race on opening day July 26, 1959 — 50 years ago.

The celebration event will consist of a special three-day running of the Vintage Club's annual Historic Motor Races, SCCBC special races, socials and displays of cars with Westwood history and other memorabilia.

The event will run July 17-19, at the River's Edge Road Course at Mission Raceway Park in Mission, B.C.

Westwood Racing Circuit, located in the Vancouver suburb of Coquitlam, was Canada's first purpose-built automobile road racing track. The Sports Car Club of British Columbia built the track and operated it over its life of 32 seasons.

Additional information will be posted at www.westwood50.org.