

SCCA Board approves Club Racing changes

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TOPEKA, Kan. — The Sports Car Club of America Board of Directors made several noteworthy changes to the Club Racing program at its Oct. 16-18 meeting. In addition to its regular business conducted, changes were made regarding the Formula Ford class, minimum driver age, Showroom Stock vehicle age limits, Spec Miata tires and the classes eligible for the Runoffs.

Formula Ford accepts Honda Fit engine

The Board of Directors approved the Club Racing Board recommendation to accept the 1.5-liter Honda Fit engine into the class, offering a modern, low-cost alternative to the venerable 1600cc Ford engines moving forward. The proper class name has also been shortened, simply to "Formula F" or "FF."

The new engine is an addition, rather than a replacement. SCCA recognizes that many racers will retain the Ford engine configuration that has been used for 40 years. It is the intention of SCCA to maintain

competitive parity between the powerplants for many years to come.

Minimum driver age

The board approved a proposal to lower the minimum age requirement for participation in Club Racing to 15 years old on a conditional basis. Drivers must have previous racing experience (ie. karts, midgets, etc.) and must be pre-approved by their Divisional Licensing Representative. These drivers will be under strict scrutiny of event officials. Full details are requirements will be available in the December Fastrack News.

Showroom Stock age limits

The board approved to extend the sunset rule in Showroom Stock from 10 years to 12 years, giving all cars an additional two years of eligibility beyond their year of production.

Spec Miata tires will revert to Toyo RA-1

The Board approved language to complete the transition from the Toyo Proxes R888 to the Toyo Proxes RA-1 tire in National Spec Miata

competition.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2010, both tires will be eligible for National competition. On the third National race weekend in a respective Division, only the RA-1 will be permitted for dry and wet use. SCCA recognizes that race weekends may include multiple Nationally-sanctioned races.

Both tires will be available through normal Toyo Tires distribution methods.

National Championship Runoffs classes modified

The board made language changes to the General Competition Rules (GCR) to include all 29 National classes in the Runoffs beginning in 2010. It also set a minimum number of cars required at the Runoffs (10) to recognize a National Champion. A full story on the subject is available at www.scca.com/newsarticle.aspx?news=3805.

Full details of all the business conducted at the October Board meeting will be available in the December 2009 Fastrack News, which will be available at SCCA.com.

SCCA seeks Worker of the Year nominations

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TOPEKA, Kan. — Sports Car Club of America is currently seeking nominations for the second annual Worker of the Year award to be presented at the 2010 SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas.

Approved in 2008 by the Board of Directors through a 20-year private endowment by an SCCA member, the Worker of the Year will be presented to the volunteer who shows the great-

est commitment to SCCA motorsports activities, be it in Club Racing, Rally or Solo. This person should personify the SCCA volunteer; an individual who gives their time and effort toward creating and operating a successful SCCA event.

Recognized for her decades of service in all SCCA categories, St. Louis Region's Carol Cohn was the inaugural award winner.

The recipient will be awarded a trip to any motorsports event any-

where, with any sanctioning body. Nominees shall have a minimum of five years of service with SCCA events and may not be a paid SCCA staff member, current Board of Directors member or any member who is a paid consultant to SCCA.

Nominees should be submitted to president@scca.com or faxed to the attention of the SCCA President at 785-232-7228. Nominations must be received by close of business Nov. 30 for consideration.